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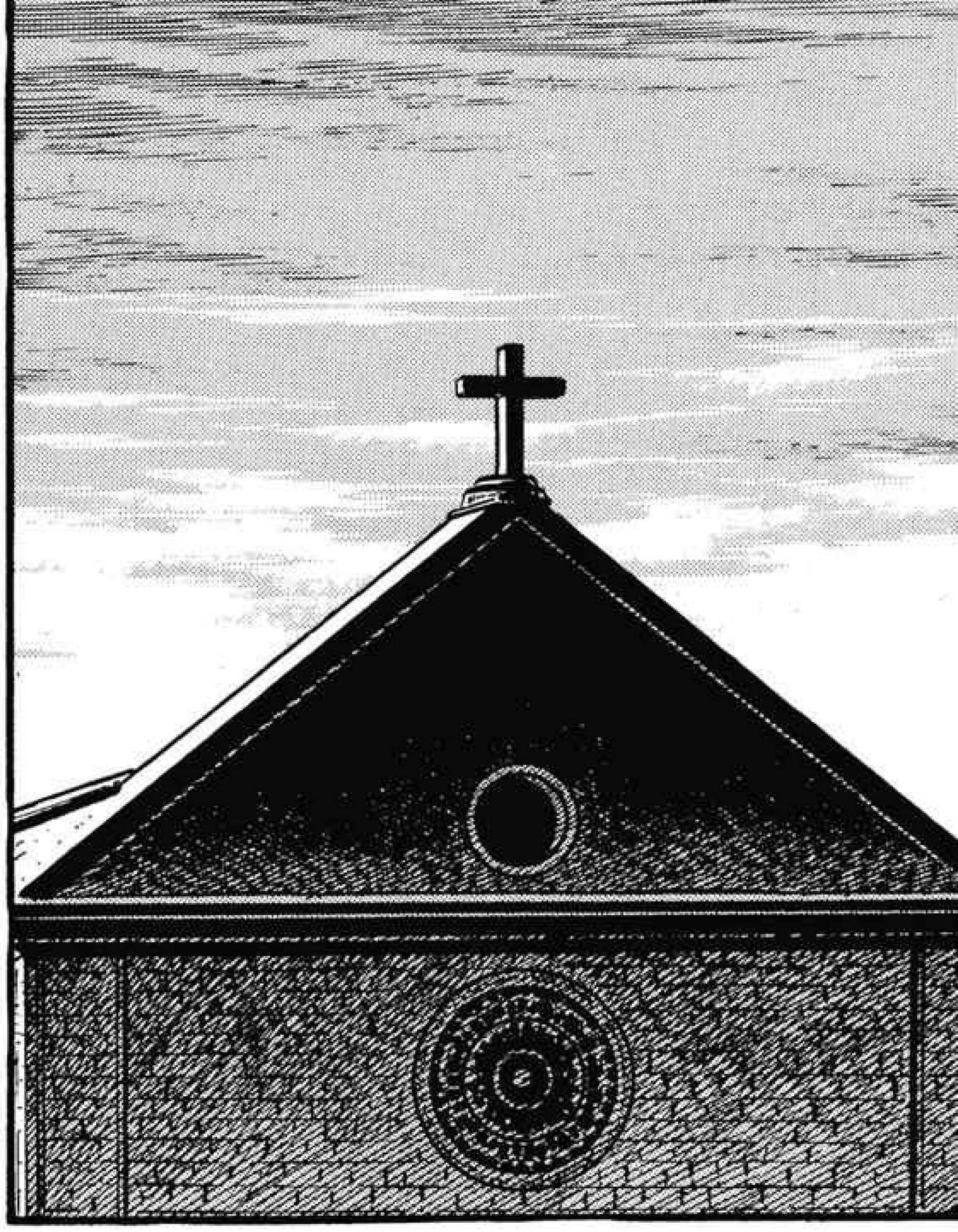
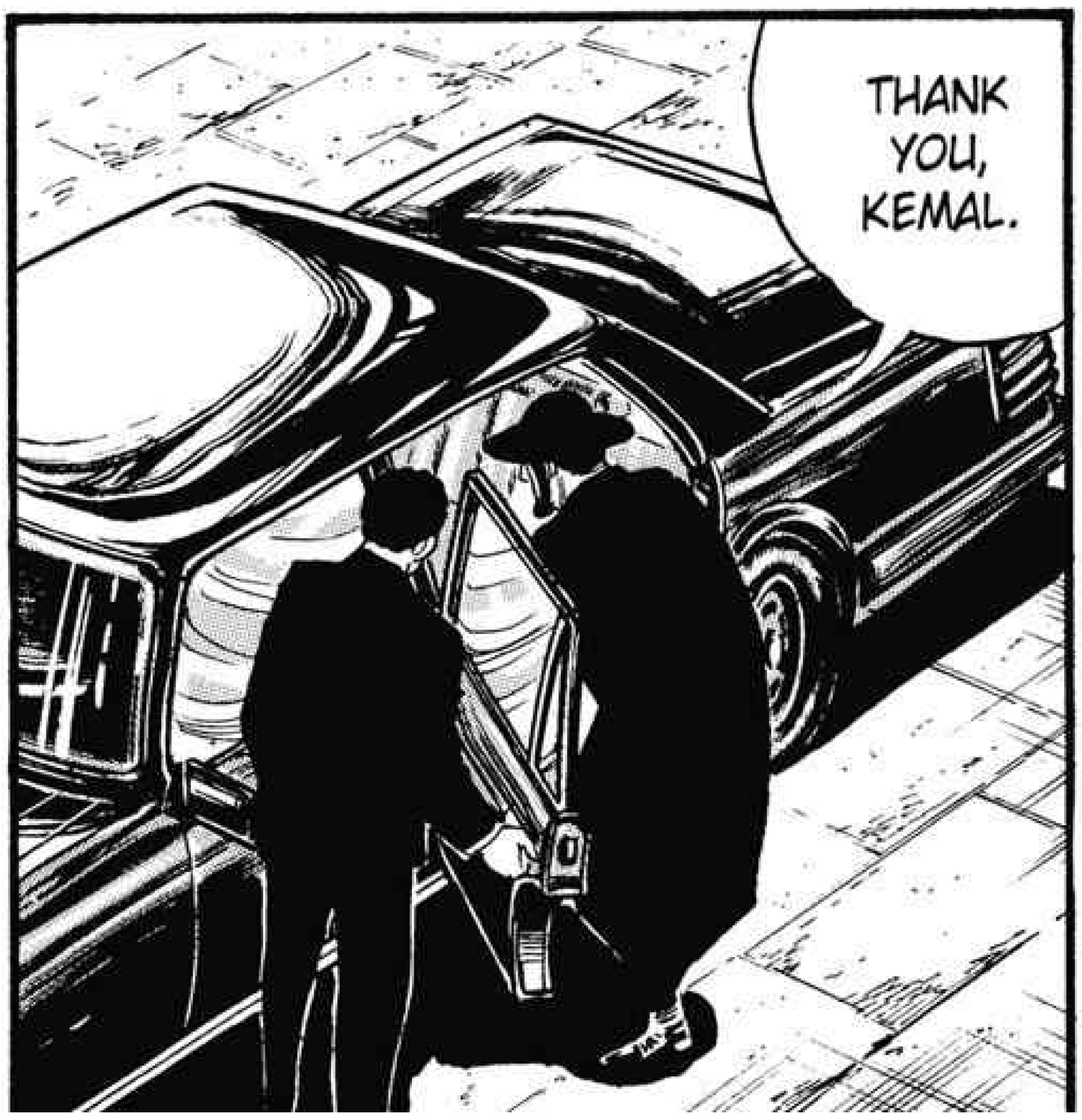


WHERE TO, YOUR EMINENCE ...?


THANK YOU, KEMAL.

THE AIRPORT.

A VACATION, YOUR EMINENCE? I SHOULD SAY YOU DESERVE IT.

I HAVE A REASON TO TRAVEL A LITTLE.

NO, I'M TAKING A SHORT TRIP.

ARE YOU PICKING SOMEONE UP...?

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PART 1

THE FOURSQUARE

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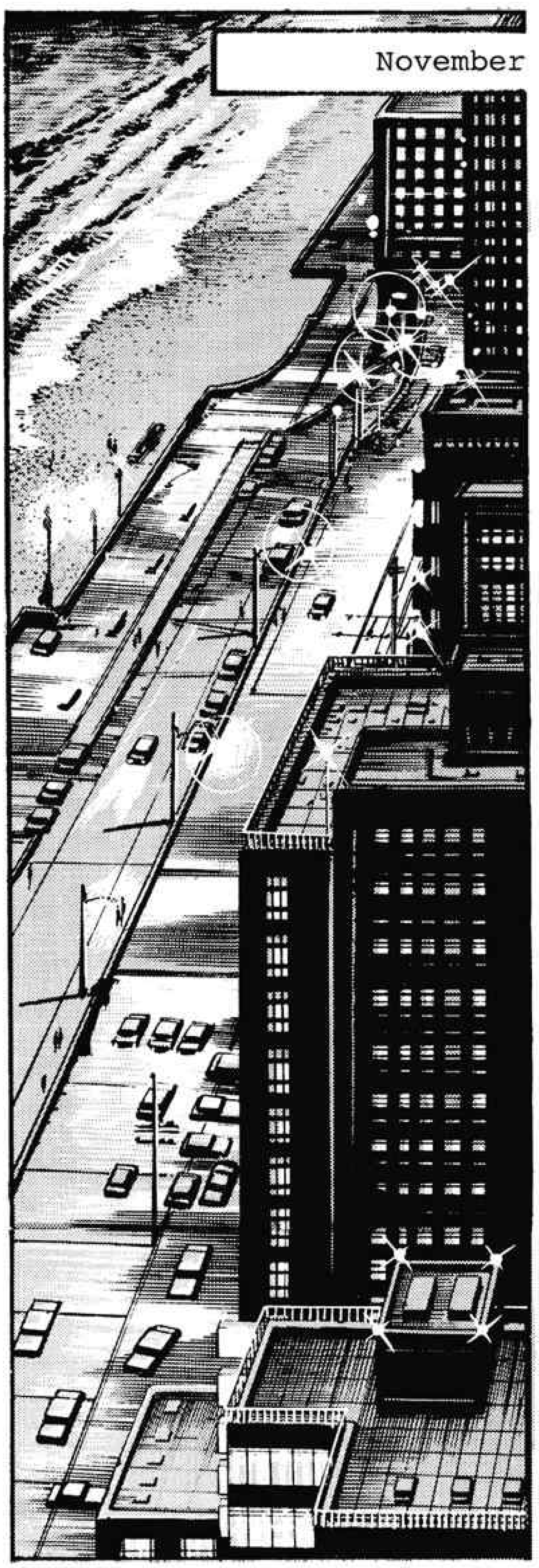

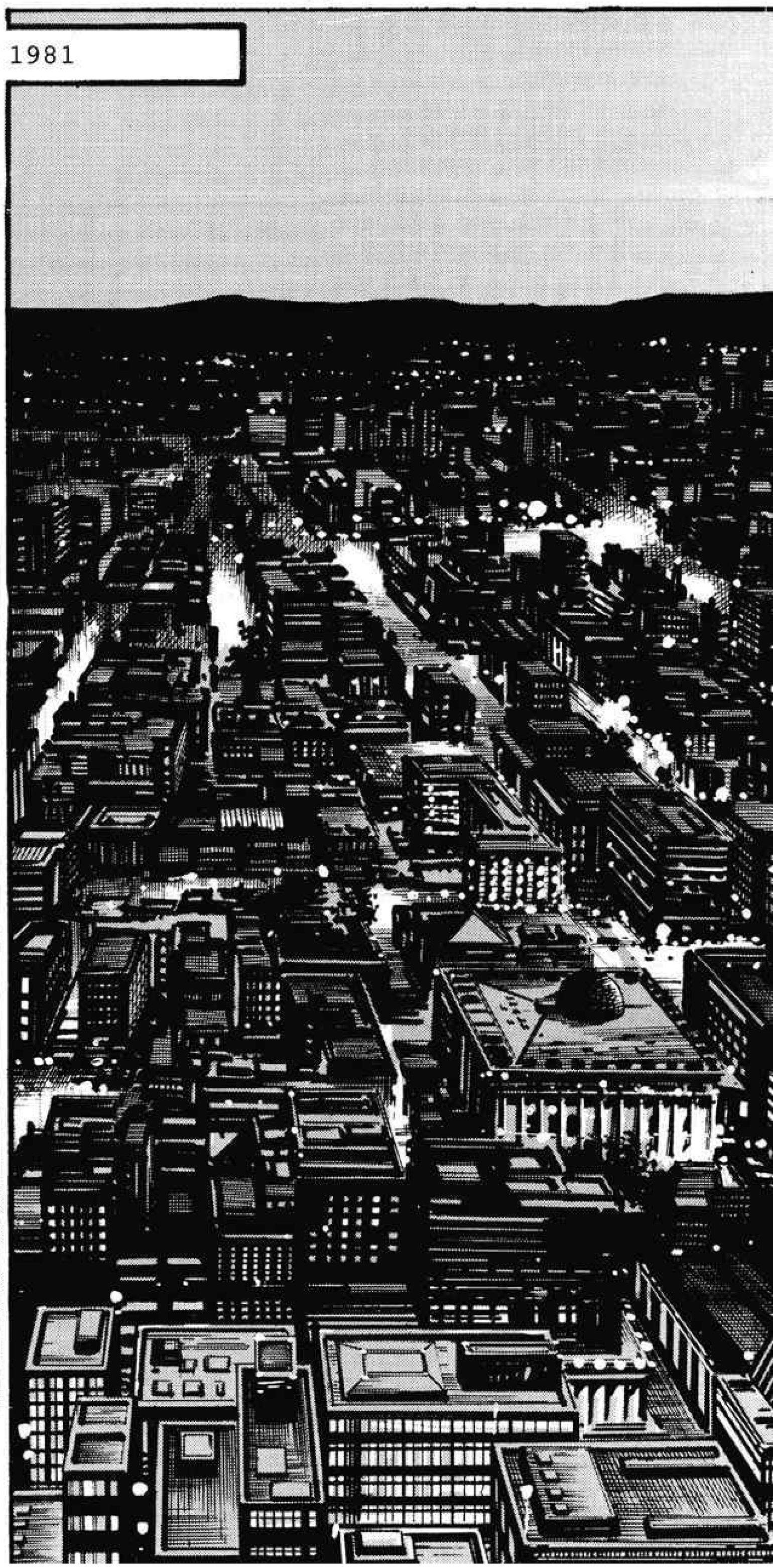

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THIS FOOTAGE IS TAKEN FROM THE SAME MEDIA SOURCES SEEN BY EVERYONE IN THE WORLD.

LET US SEE IF OUR PERCEPTION IS MORE FINE.

HOWEVER, AFTER HIS TERRORIST TRAINING IN SYRIA, HE APPARENTLY WENT TO WORK FOR THE FAR-*RIGHT* "GREY WOLVES" IN TURKEY.

THE ASSASSIN, MEHMET ALI AGCA, A TURK. HIS FIRST STORY WAS THAT HE WORKED FOR THE MARXIST POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE.

FOUR GUNSHOT WOUNDS: ONE TO THE HAND, ONE TO THE ARM, TWO TO THE ABDOMEN. THE ATTEMPT ON THE POPE'S LIFE ON MAY 13 ALMOST SUCCEEDED.

THE BULGARIANS, HE SAID, HAD BEEN ORDERED BY THE KGB TO CARRY OUT THE ASSASSINATION. AGCA MAINTAINED HE WAS PAID THREE MILLION GERMAN MARKS FOR THE JOB. IN JULY AGCA WAS SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON.

BEFORE HIS TRIAL, HE CLAIMED THAT HE WAS APPROACHED BY THE BULGARIAN SECRET SERVICE.

AT PRESENT, HE RESIDES IN THE CASTEL GANDOLFO, THE PAPAL RESIDENCE AT LAKE ALBANO IN ITALY.

AFTER EXTENSIVE SURGERY, POPE JOHN PAUL II HAS RECOVERED.

HIS SURVIVAL IS CREDITED TO HIS NOTABLE PHYSICAL FITNESS BEFORE THE INCIDENT.

PURPORTEDLY FOR REASONS OF SECURITY-- AND THIS, OF COURSE, IS A QUITE PLAUSIBLE EXPLANATION...

...THE POPE HAS GIVEN HIS CUSTOMARY WEDNESDAY AUDIENCES OF LATE FROM A BALCONY OVERLOOKING THE GROUNDS.

IF ANYTHING, HE RECEIVES MORE PILGRIMS THAN BEFORE, DESPITE THE DISAPPOINTMENT OF BEING UNABLE TO SEE HIM UP CLOSE.

...BY MEMBERS OF THE ITALIAN ANTI-TERRORIST POLICE.

IN ADDITION TO THIS, THE POPE'S OWN SWISS GUARDS UNIT IS REINFORCED...

YOU WILL NOTE THE WALLS OF BULLETPROOF GLASS THAT ENCLOSE THE BALCONY.

WE RECALL THAT IN MARCH OF THIS SAME YEAR, PRESIDENT REAGAN, THE MOST CLOSELY GUARDED MAN IN THE WORLD, HIMSELF BARELY ESCAPED DEATH FROM AN ASSASSIN'S BULLET.

IN TIMES SUCH AS THESE SUCH PRECAUTIONS, ESPECIALLY FOR A MAN OF PEACE, ARE UNFORTUNATE, BUT UNDERSTANDABLE.

IT MAKES US ADMIRE ALL THE MORE THE RESILIENCE OF THIS MAN, ONCE KNOWN BY HIS BIRTH NAME, KAROL WOJTYLA...

...IF HE IS IN FACT WHO HE CLAIMS TO BE.

...IN 1978, TAKING THE NAME JOHN PAUL II AS THE 264TH PONTIFF OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH. THAT IS...

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THERE IS A SMALL SCAR LEFT OVER FROM A SURGICAL PROCEDURE.

EXAMINE THE LOWER LEFT LIP CAREFULLY.

THIS IS AN ENLARGEMENT OF THE FRAME.

...WHEREAS IT IS NOW APPARENT UPON CLOSE OBSERVATION.

AS YOU CAN SEE, THE SCAR WAS NOT PRESENT BEFORE THE SHOOTING...

HERE IS THE CRUCIAL FACT: *NONE* OF THE MULTIPLE SURGERIES JOHN PAUL II RECEIVED AFTER THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT INVOLVED HIS FACE.

MY BROTHERS, THAT MAN APPEARING AT THE BALCONY IS NOT THE MAN WHO WAS SHOT IN ST. PETER'S SQUARE.

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ARE YOU CERTAIN OF THIS?

I SEE...

I DON'T BELIEVE THAT IS THE CASE. RATHER, AT SOME POINT BETWEEN THE SHOOTING AND NOW, HE WAS KIDNAPPED AND REPLACED WITH A SURGICALLY PREPARED DOUBLE. THE DOUBLE IS WELL TRAINED; HE IS VERY POSSIBLY A PRIEST HIMSELF.

THE REAL JOHN PAUL II IS BEING HELD PRISONER...TO KEEP THEIR OPTIONS OPEN.

TO KEEP *WHOSE* OPTIONS OPEN, BROTHER?

BUT HERE AT LAST, WE HAVE AN EXPLANATION LESS LIKELY THAN A SIMPLE BUT DISTURBING TRUTH--FOR I DON'T BELIEVE THE POPE WOULD APPROVE SUCH A PLOY.

IF SO, THEN THIS IMPOSTOR IS NOW ACTING INDEPENDENTLY.

VERY WELL, THEN--A FINAL LEVEL OF SECURITY. OTHER PROMINENT PEOPLE, EVEN WORLD LEADERS, HAVE MADE USE OF SUCH DOUBLES.

IS IT YOUR BELIEF THE REAL POPE HAS BEEN MURDERED?

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THAT, I REGRET, I *DO NOT* KNOW.

WE HAVE TO FIND HIM BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS MASS.

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I ASK YOU BY PERFECT SIGNS AND TOKENS, BY THE LANDMARKS, BY THE STONE AND BY THE LOST NAME...TO GRANT ME YOUR FULL TRUST.

THAT IS WHY I HAVE SUMMONED THE FOURSQUARE HERE TONIGHT, TO OFFER GUIDANCE BY MY RIGHT HAND.

...YOU MUST NOT FAIL.

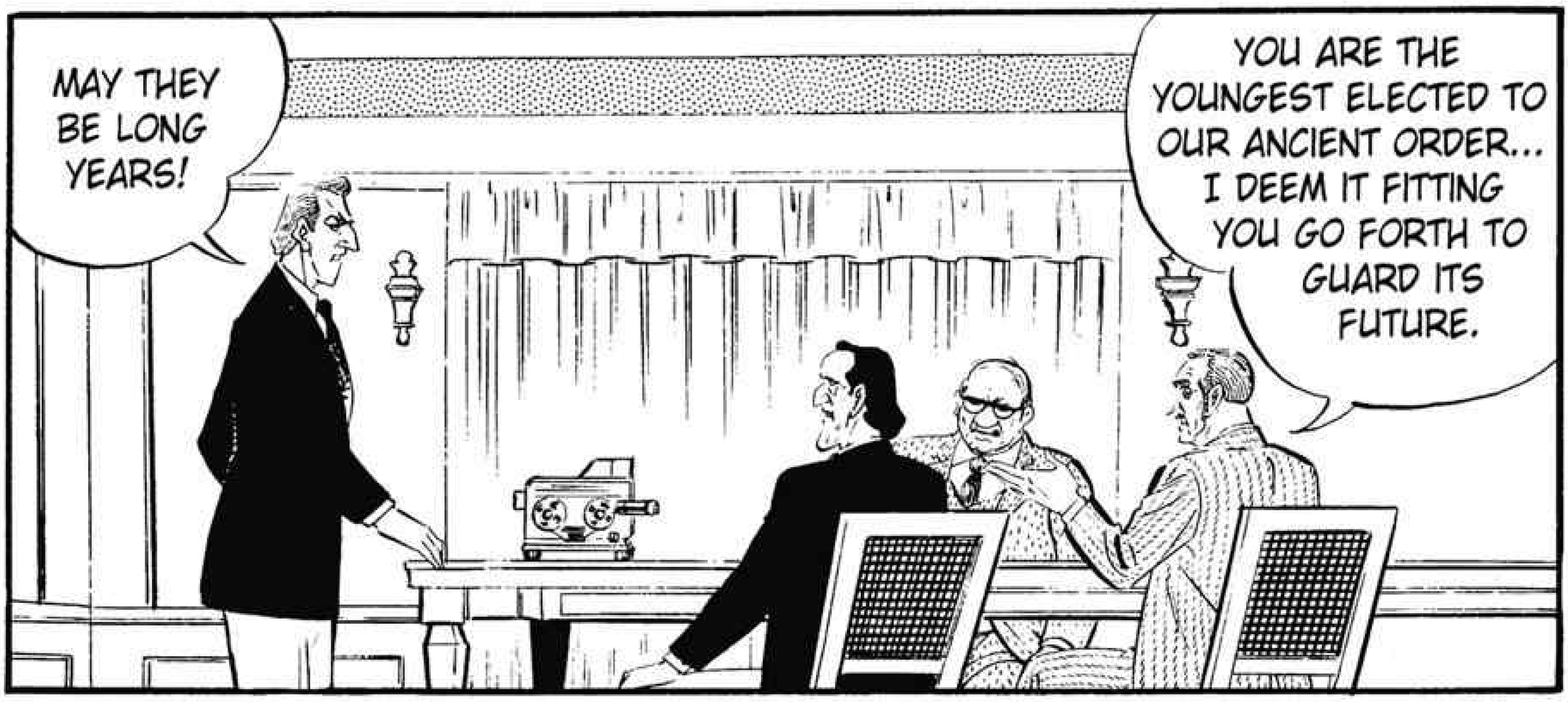
BROTHER REISSER...

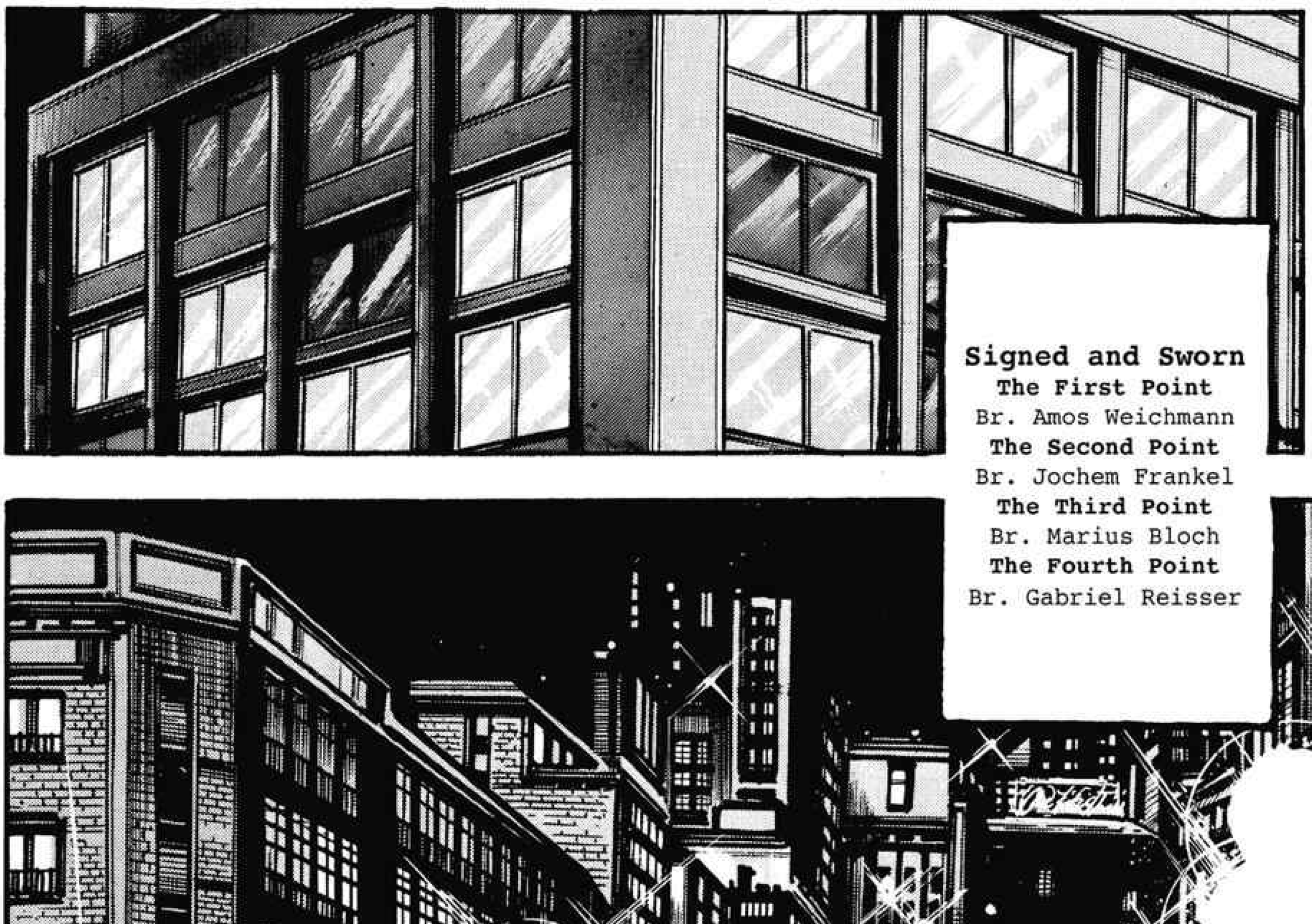
I KNOW.

MAY YOUR HAND GUIDE STRAIGHT AND BY TRUTH.

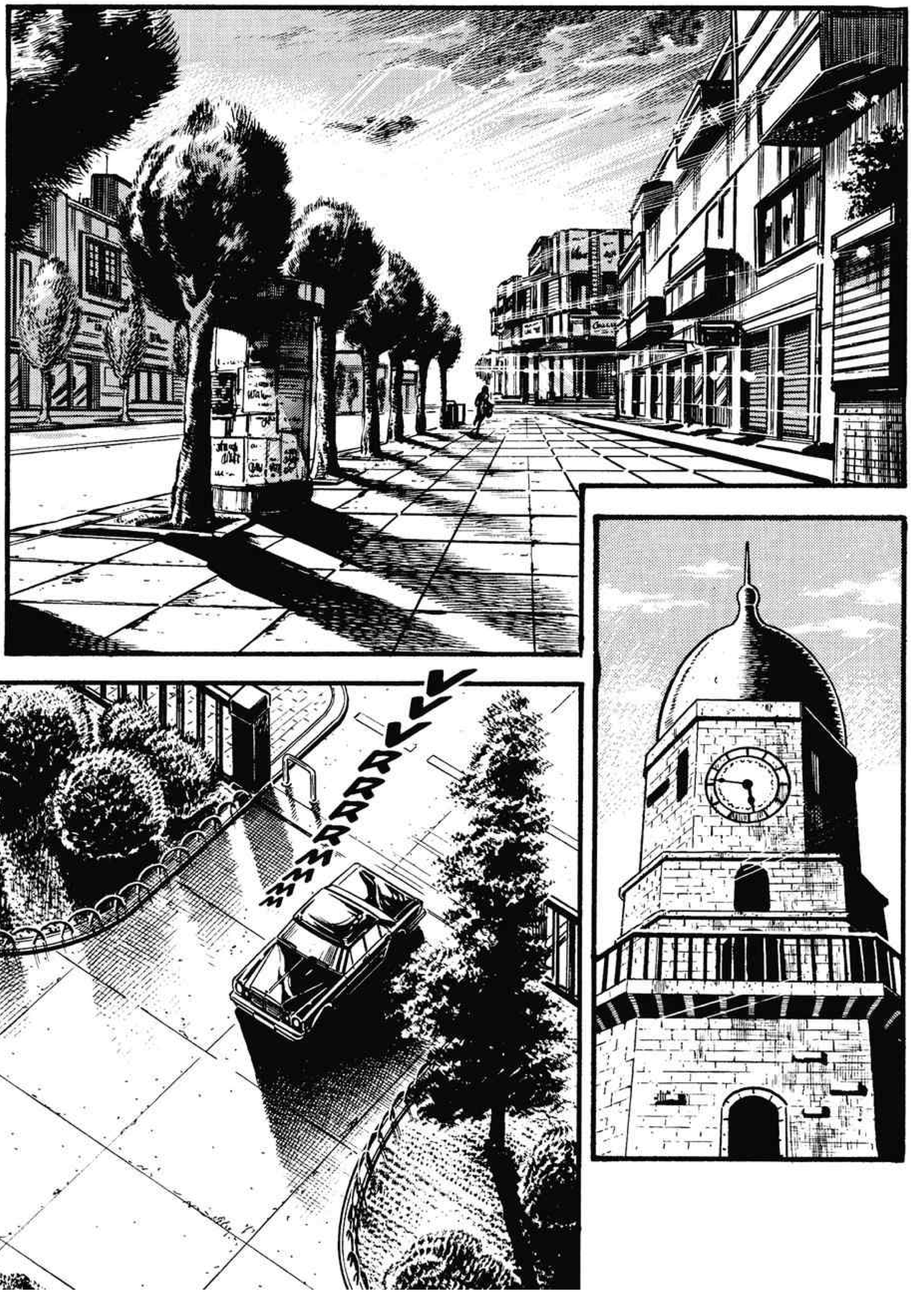
BROTHER GABRIEL REISSER, FOURTH POINT OF THE SQUARE. THE FREE AND ACCEPTED KNIGHTS OF SOLOMON DO SO ENTRUST YOU.

THANK YOU, MY BROTHERS.


MAY THEY BE LONG YEARS!
YOU ARE THE YOUNGEST ELECTED TO OUR ANCIENT ORDER... I DEEM IT FITTING YOU GO FORTH TO GUARD ITS FUTURE.


Signed and Sworn
The First Point
Br. Amos Weichmann
The Second Point
Br. Jochem Frankel
The Third Point
Br. Marius Bloch
The Fourth Point
Br. Gabriel Reisser

PART 2 THE WAGES



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MR. GOLGO... I MEAN... OR IS IT "DUKE TOGO"?

MR. REISSER?

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I...YES, I'M GABRIEL REISSER.

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THEN GET INTO THE CAR. I'LL HEAR YOU OUT.

Y-YES...
CAN YOU DRIVE?

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WHAT DO YOU WANT?
THANK YOU FOR COMING, MR. TOGO...

MY BUSINESS IS ASSASSINATION--NOT RESEARCH AND RESCUES.

...SO THERE ARE TWO OBJECTIVES: FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VATICAN, AND RETRIEVE THE POPE.

LET ME RESTATE THE CASE.

VERY WELL, THEN, MR. TOGO.

AND BEFORE THE HIGH MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS MASS.

...AND KILL THEM.

FIND THOSE GUARDING JOHN PAUL II AND KILL THEM, AND THEN FIND THOSE BEHIND HIS ABDUCTION...

HOW IS THAT?

IN RECOGNITION OF THIS, I AM PREPARED TO OFFER TEN TIMES YOUR NORMAL RATE--THAT IS, PAY A FEE OF TWO MILLION AMERICAN DOLLARS.

OF COURSE THE ASSIGNMENT IS MORE CHALLENGING, AS IT REQUIRES YOU, NOT ME, TO DETERMINE THE TARGETS.

...OF THE MASONS.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HAS NEVER BEEN A PARTICULAR FRIEND...

THESE ARE THE RESOURCES OF THE KNIGHTS OF SOLOMON, ARE THEY NOT?

YOU SAY "OUR" NOW.

DO YOU DOUBT OUR ABILITY TO PAY?

YET IF WE HELP ONLY OUR OWN, WHY SHOULD THAT RECEIVE THE NAME OF CHARITY?

JOHN PAUL II IS NOT AMONG THEM.

WE ARE ASKING YOU TO FREE A MAN, NOT A CHURCH. A FAITH CAN ONLY REFINE ITSELF, AND ONLY BY MEN OF THAT FAITH IN GOOD WILL. I AM A JEW; MANY CATHOLICS ARE MY SWORN BROTHERS.

I HAVE SAT IN LODGES IN SINGAPORE AMONG BUDDHISTS, IN MUMBAI AMONG HINDUS, AND YES, MANY TIMES, IN AL-QAHIRAH AMONG MUSLIMS.

WE REFUSE TO BELIEVE THAT WHAT IS POSSIBLE FOR US MUST BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ALL. CAN YOU IMAGINE SUCH A WORLD...?

THIS POPE, MR. TOGO.

OUR MASONIC SYMBOLS ARE OF BUILDING. CHRIST SAID, "IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE ARE MANY MANSIONS...I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU." WHAT CHRISTIAN GOES AND BUILDS TODAY?

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CATHOLICISM WAS THE FIRST GLOBAL RELIGION. BY THE 16TH CENTURY THEY HAD CONVERTED MUCH OF SOUTH AMERICA, EVEN AS MISSIONARY SCHOLARS LEARNED MANDARIN AND JAPANESE.

YET IT WAS AT THIS VERY MOMENT OF WORLD REACH THAT THE *LEADERSHIP* OF THE CHURCH TURNED INSULAR AND PROVINCIAL, AS IF UNABLE TO GRASP WHAT IT HAD SEEN.

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VATICAN II OFFERED A LIGHT OF HOPE.

AMONG THE MOST INFLUENTIAL OF THE THINKERS THERE WAS A 42 YEAR-OLD POLE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF KRAKÓW, BISHOP WOJTYLA. MY PREDECESSORS, AND OUR REFORM-MINDED BRETHREN WITHIN THE CHURCH, BEGAN TO KEEP WATCH ON HIM.

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..."VATICAN II"-- THE FIRST GENERAL MEETING OF WORLD BISHOPS IN A CENTURY.

IN 1962, POPE JOHN XXIII SUMMONED THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL...

FOR THE FIRST TIME, CONGREGATIONS AROUND THE WORLD WERE ALLOWED TO CONDUCT THE LITURGY USING THEIR OWN LANGUAGE AND CUSTOMS...

...AND THE BISHOPS ENDORSED A DECLARATION OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.

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...AND *IT* IS POWERFUL INDEED.

MR. TOGO... CONTRARY TO FOLKLORE, WE ARE NOT AN ALL-POWERFUL CONSPIRACY. OUR ENEMY IS THE DARK SIDE OF HUMAN NATURE...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, PRECISELY ...?

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WE ARE ON THE VERGE OF LOSING *EVERYTHING* WE HAVE WORKED FOR!

THAT IS WHERE YOU MUST GO.

THE ANSWERS LIE WITHIN THAT GATHERING.

WHOEVER IS BEHIND THIS, THEY UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF A CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN ROME IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

YOU HAVE BEEN ...?

INSIDE MY CAR, MR. TOGO.

HOW AM I TO INFILTRATE THAT, MR. REISSER ...?

A VATICAN CONFERENCE ...

I HAVE BEEN PREPARING YOUR PATH FOR OVER FIVE YEARS.

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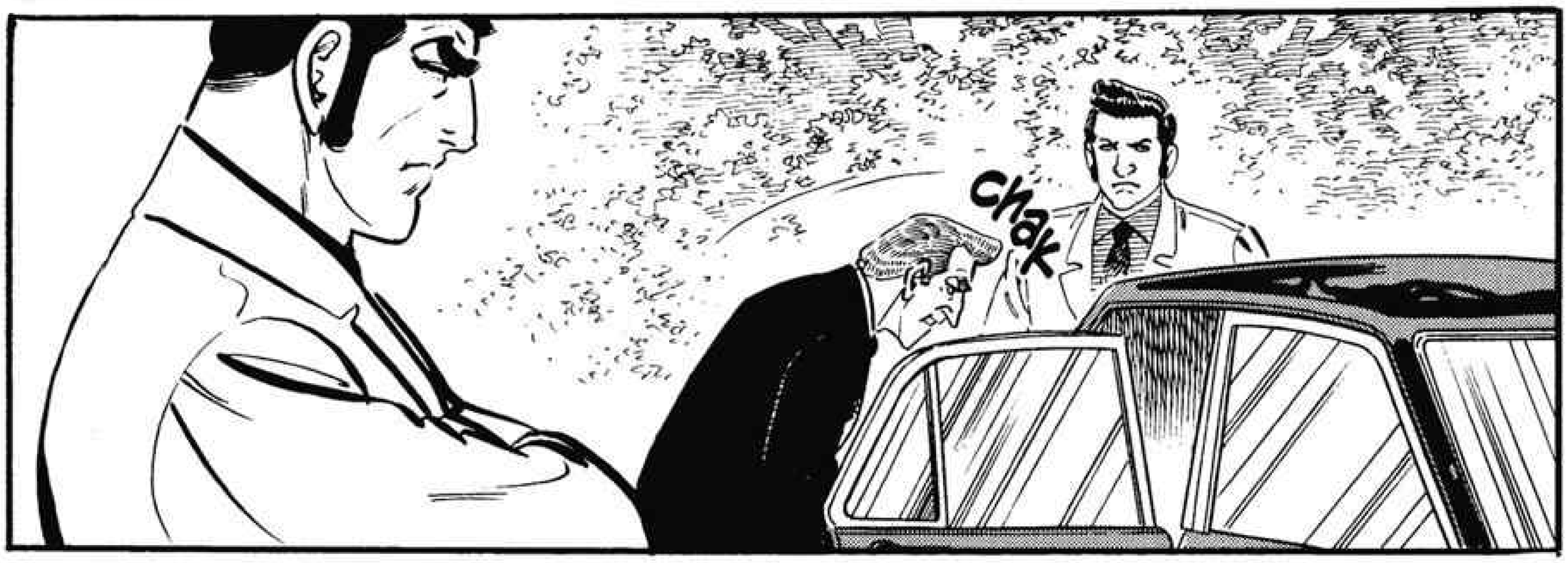
PART 3 THE BRAZEN LAVER



FIVE YEARS AGO, CARDINAL ALCOCER WAS SERVING A DIOCESE IN HIS NATIVE SPAIN. HIS FAMILY HAS ASIAN BLOOD, A LEGACY OF PAST LINKS TO THE PHILIPPINES.

HOW IS IT? LIKE LOOKING INTO A MIRROR, EH...?

LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL MARTÍN ESPEJO ALCOCER, VICAR APOSTOLIC OF ISTANBUL.

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HE IS ALSO, NOT INCIDENTALLY, A RAISED BROTHER OF OUR LODGE.

IN 1976, CARDINAL ALCOCER HAD A TERRIBLE CAR ACCIDENT. I RUSHED TO HIS SIDE...AND WE SPOKE.

...SUCH AS OUR BROTHER'S SUPERFICIAL RESEMBLANCE TO YOU...AND THAT WE MIGHT ONE DAY NEED YOU FOR THE PLAN.

MY RESPONSIBILITY IN THE FOURSQUARE IS CONTINGENCY PLANNING. IN THE COURSE OF THIS DUTY, I FILE MANY THINGS AWAY...

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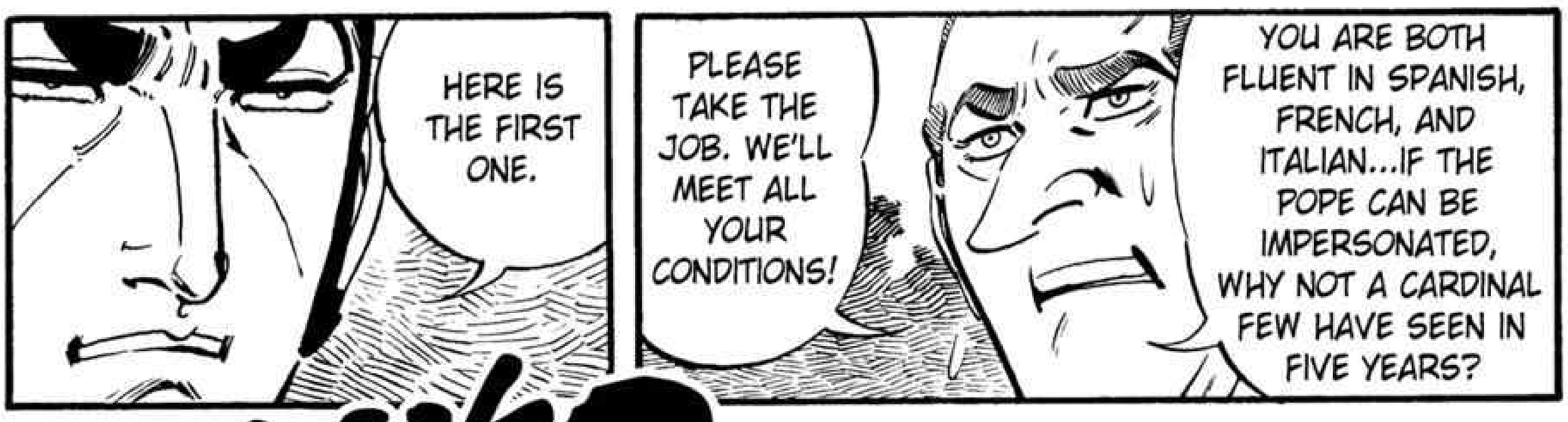
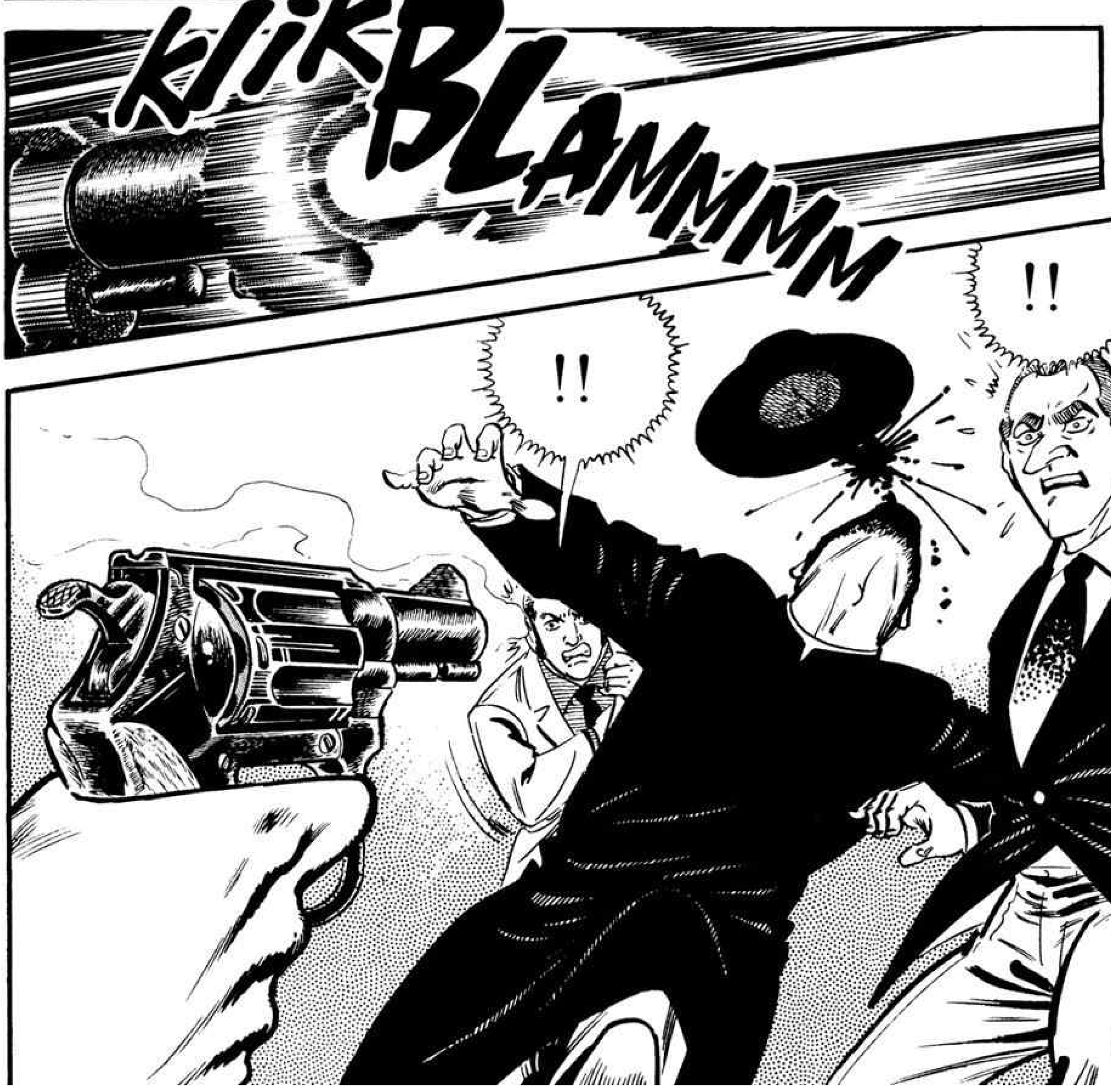
SINCE THAT TIME, HE HAS BEEN AT THE CATHÉDRALE SAINT-ESPIRIT IN ISTANBUL, FAR AWAY FROM THOSE WHO ONCE KNEW HIM.
WHEN THE RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY WAS DONE, HIS FACE WAS NOW FAR MORE THAN MERELY *REMINISCENT*... OF GOLGO 13'S.


HERE IS THE FIRST ONE.
PLEASE TAKE THE JOB. WE'LL MEET ALL YOUR CONDITIONS!
YOU ARE BOTH FLUENT IN SPANISH, FRENCH, AND ITALIAN...IF THE POPE CAN BE IMPERSONATED, WHY NOT A CARDINAL FEW HAVE SEEN IN FIVE YEARS?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MARCO-- HOLD IT!

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...YOU'LL DIE AS WELL.

UNDERSTAND THAT THE NEXT TIME YOU THINK TO MAKE A REPLICA OF ME...

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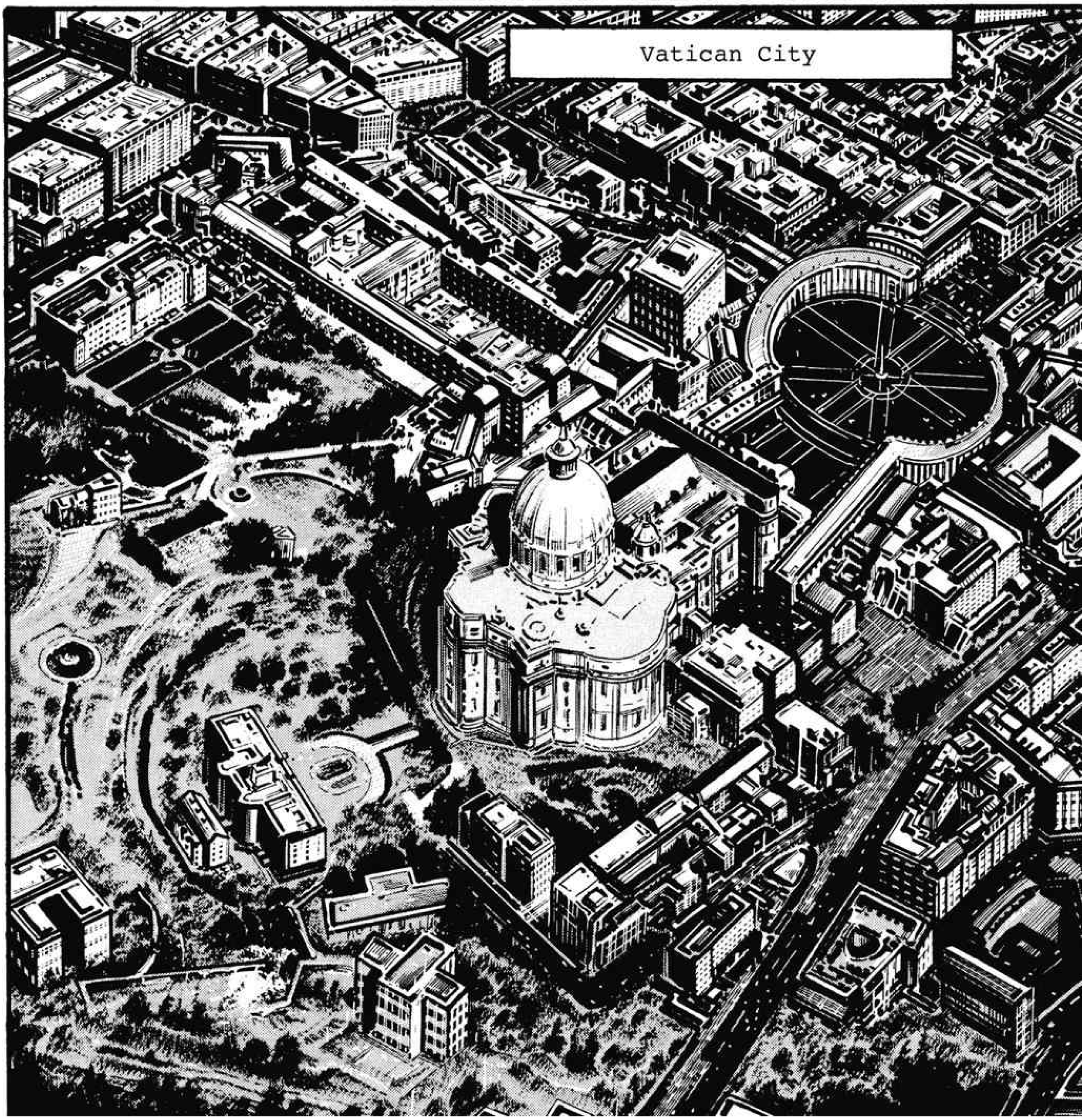
I DON'T TOLERATE IMPERSONATORS.

PART 4 CONTENTION AMONG BRETHREN



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IT'S BEEN MANY YEARS, I KNOW...

CARDINAL ALCOCER, GOOD MORNING!

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I'M JUST FINE, THANK YOU.

AH, THE GRACE OF THE VIRGIN SURELY SPARED YOU, MARTÍN, BUT IT WAS A NEAR THING, WASN'T IT? HOW ARE YOU FEELING THESE DAYS?

I OFTEN GET TOLD I DON'T LOOK QUITE THE SAME, THOUGH...

CARDINAL BROUGH. WE SHARED THE COMMITTEE DURING YOUR LAST VISIT.

I'M SORRY... IT WAS BEFORE THE ACCIDENT, IN FACT.

...CERTAINLY I REMEMBER... STEVEN. I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN YOUR KINDNESS TO ME, EITHER.

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NOT THE SAME? MORE HANDSOME NOW, THAT'S FOR SURE! NEVER BUT HELPED TO FILL UP THE PEWS, EH?

...AND PRAY FOR WISDOM AS WE DELIBERATE THE MATTERS OF THIS PLENARY SESSION.

I ASK NEVERTHELESS THAT WE PROCEED IN THE SPIRIT HE WOULD INTEND...

IT IS TO OUR MUTUAL REGRET THAT THE HOLY FATHER IS UNABLE TO ADDRESS THE OPENING SESSION OF THIS CONFERENCE.

LET US BEGIN.

SPEAKING FIRST TODAY SHALL BE CARDINAL DA SILVA OF BRAZIL...

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HERE'S YOUR ROOM, MARTIN, ALMOST AS YOU LEFT IT LAST TIME. DON'T BREAK ANYTHING, IT MAY BE A MICHELANGELO...

YES...

...WE'VE COME A LONG WAY FROM THE OLD PARISH, TO BE SURE!

I FELT THE ABSENCE OF THE HOLY FATHER, STEVEN. SHOULDN'T HE BE HERE?

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TELL ME, MARTIN...HOW DID YOU FEEL ABOUT DAY ONE?

EH... AYE.

AS PREFECT HAEFLIGER SAID TODAY, WE MUST CARRY ON.

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IS THERE A POINT TO THESE PRO-CEEDINGS?

AH, HE SHOULD. AND IT'S TERRIBLE...THEY SAY HE'S NOT AS WELL AS IS LET ON. BUT YOU'VE HIT RIGHT UPON IT.

ALMOST CONVINCED ME I WAS WRONG.

I DIDN'T EXPECT TO HEAR SUCH CONDEMNATION OF THE AGENDA FROM RIGHT ACROSS THE TABLE OF ME. HIS ARGUMENTS WERE VERY POINTED INDEED.

AYE, CARDINAL GALLATIN. BRILLIANT MIND, BUT HE'S DEAD AGAINST THIS CONFERENCE.

...AT GANDOLFO ...?

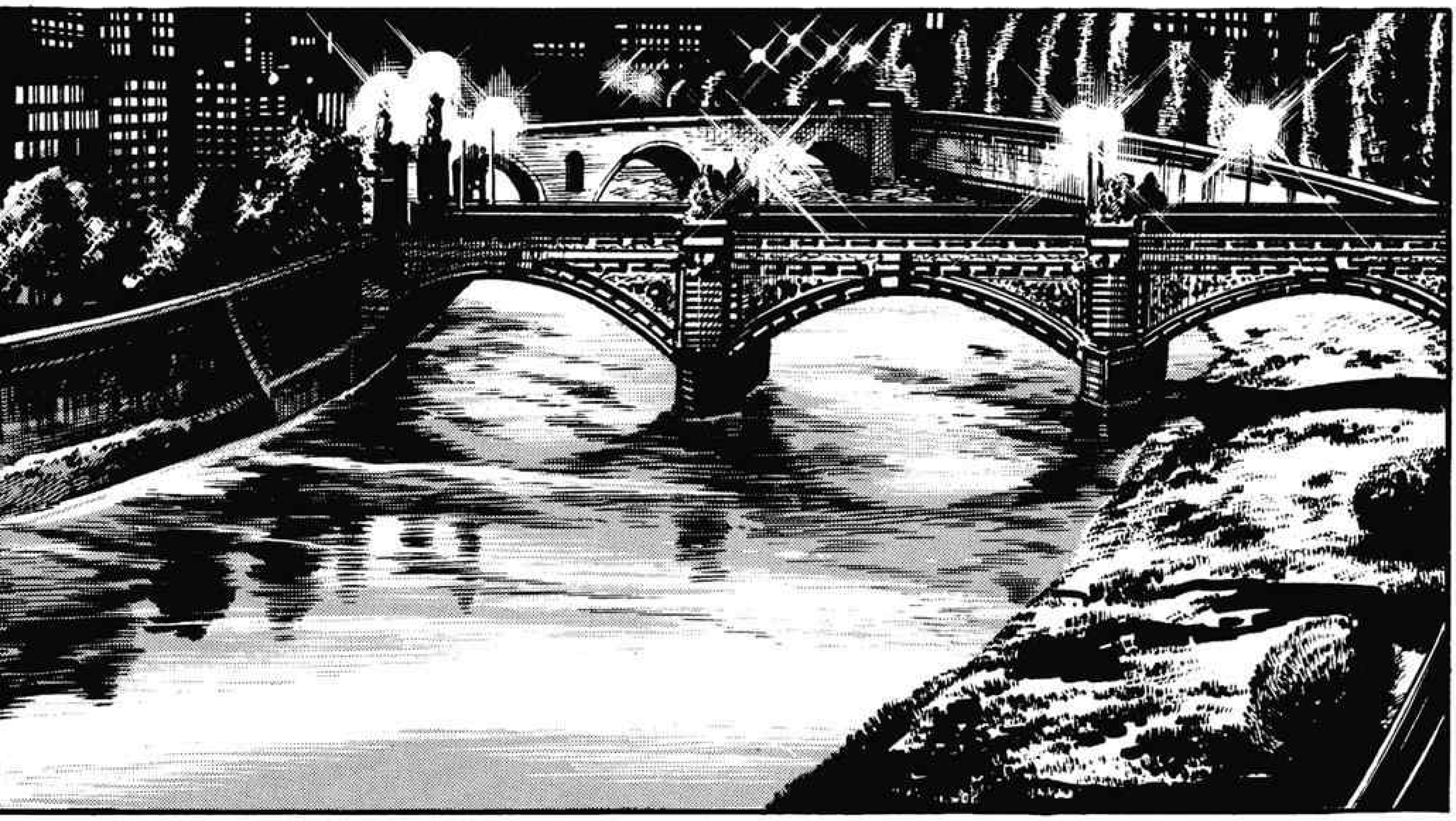
STEVEN, YOU'VE BEEN HERE AT THE VATICAN AS LONG AS I'VE BEEN AWAY. WHAT DO YOU HEAR ABOUT THE POPE'S HEALTH...

MANY OF THEM ARE NEW AS WELL...THE TYPE OF SPECIALISTS THE HOLY FATHER NEEDS.

AH, THAT'S JUST THE THING OF IT. THE VATICAN AND GANDOLFO HAVE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT STAFFS.

HE SEEMS TO HAVE AN INQUIRING NATURE.

PART 5 THE CLEFTS OF THE ROCKS



...THIS NIGHT IS GOD'S.

DO NOT WORRY, MY SON ...

I HOPE THE SKIES REMAIN CLEAR.

A GOOD MOON, FATHER...

TRULY, A GOOD MOON.

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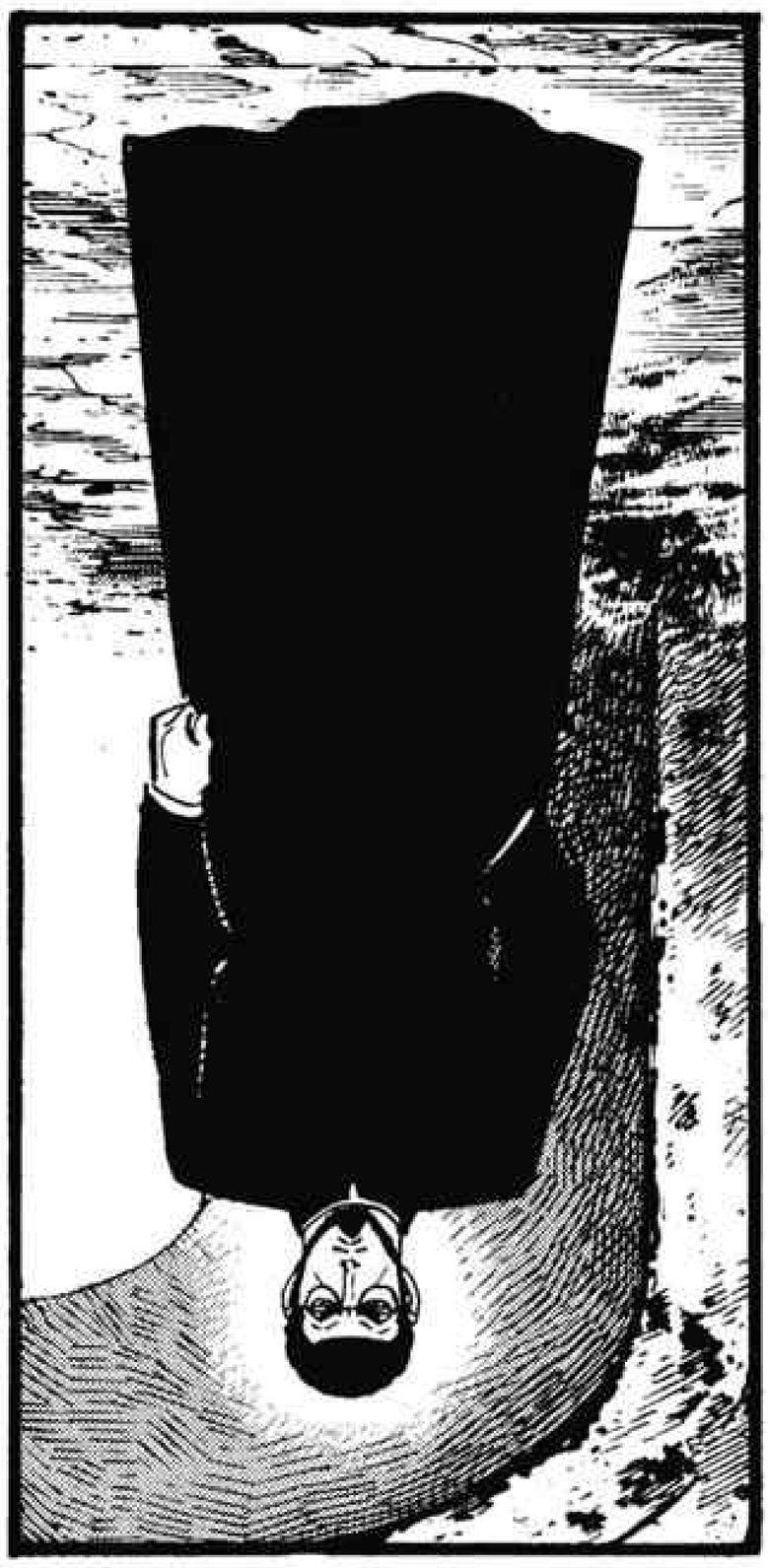
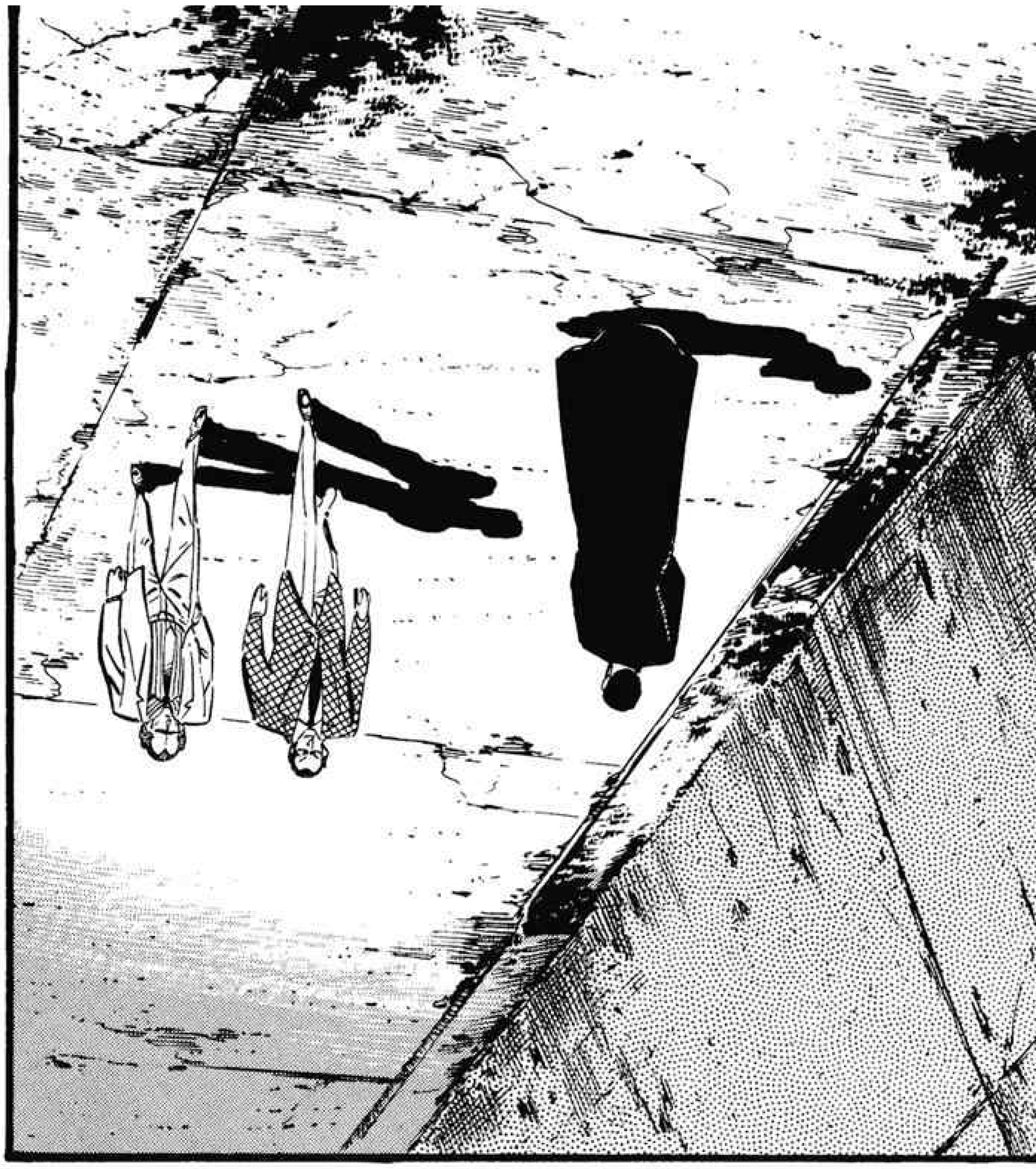
OF COURSE.

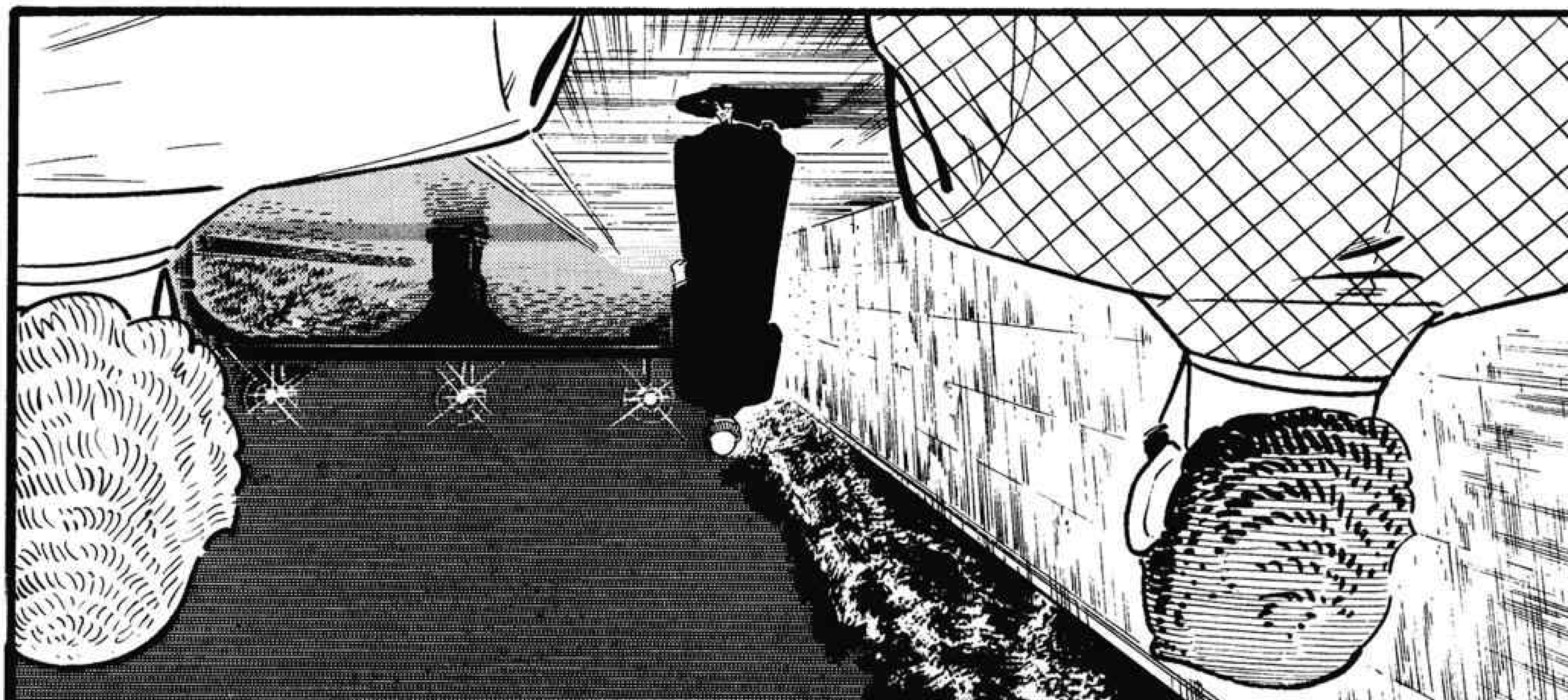
MAY I HAVE A LIGHT, FATHER ...?

GOOD NIGHT, FATHER.

GOOD NIGHT, MY SON.







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...EVER SINCE THE CAR CRASH...

YOU KNOW ...

...I'VE HATED TO HAVE MY PICTURE TAKEN.

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PART 6 COVERING

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WORSE, HE HAS A PERSONAL STAKE IN THE MATTER AS A POLE, BELIEVING THIS GIVES HIM LEAVE TO DESTABILIZE OUR FRATERNAL SOCIALIST STATES IN EASTERN EUROPE.

...APPROPRIATELY ENOUGH, A MATTER OF POLITICS, AS IT WAS THE POLITICAL RESEARCH SECTION THAT RAISED THE CONCERN. FOR A POPE TO DENOUNCE THE SOVIET UNION IS NOTHING NEW.

THIS POPE IS DIFFERENT, AND DANGEROUS, FOR TWO REASONS. THE ANTI-COMMUNISM OF HIS PREDECESSORS WAS EASIER TO DISCREDIT; THEIR GENERATION WAS SILENT AGAINST THE NAZIS.

THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE THAN ENOUGH TO MERIT POSITIVE ACTION. YET WE ASSURE THIS COMMITTEE...

YES, SIR.

MAJOR BORODIN WILL SUMMARIZE THE CONCLUSIONS OF OUR REPORT.

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...THE THREAT JOHN PAUL II POSES TO THE SECURITY OF THE USSR IS GRAVER EVEN STILL.

IT WOULD TAKE A VISIONARY TO RECONCILE THESE ATAVISTIC BELIEFS; REGRETTABLY, WE HAVE BEEN FACED WITH SUCH A VISIONARY.

SEPARATE, THEY ARE REACTIONARY AND TROUBLESOME; WITH COMMON PURPOSE AND COORDINATION, THEY ARE A DANGEROUS ALLIANCE.

THE WORLD'S FOUR LARGEST RELIGIONS FLANK THE BORDERS OF THE SOVIET UNION: CHRISTIANS TO THE WEST, MUSLIMS TO THE SOUTHWEST, HINDUS TO THE SOUTH, BUDDHISTS TO THE SOUTHEAST.

THE CONFERENCE ON INTERFAITH RECONCILIATION ONGOING NOW AT THE VATICAN HAS ITSELF GONE ENTIRELY TOO FAR FOR CATHOLIC TRADITIONALISTS.

...TOO FAR, IT WOULD SEEM.

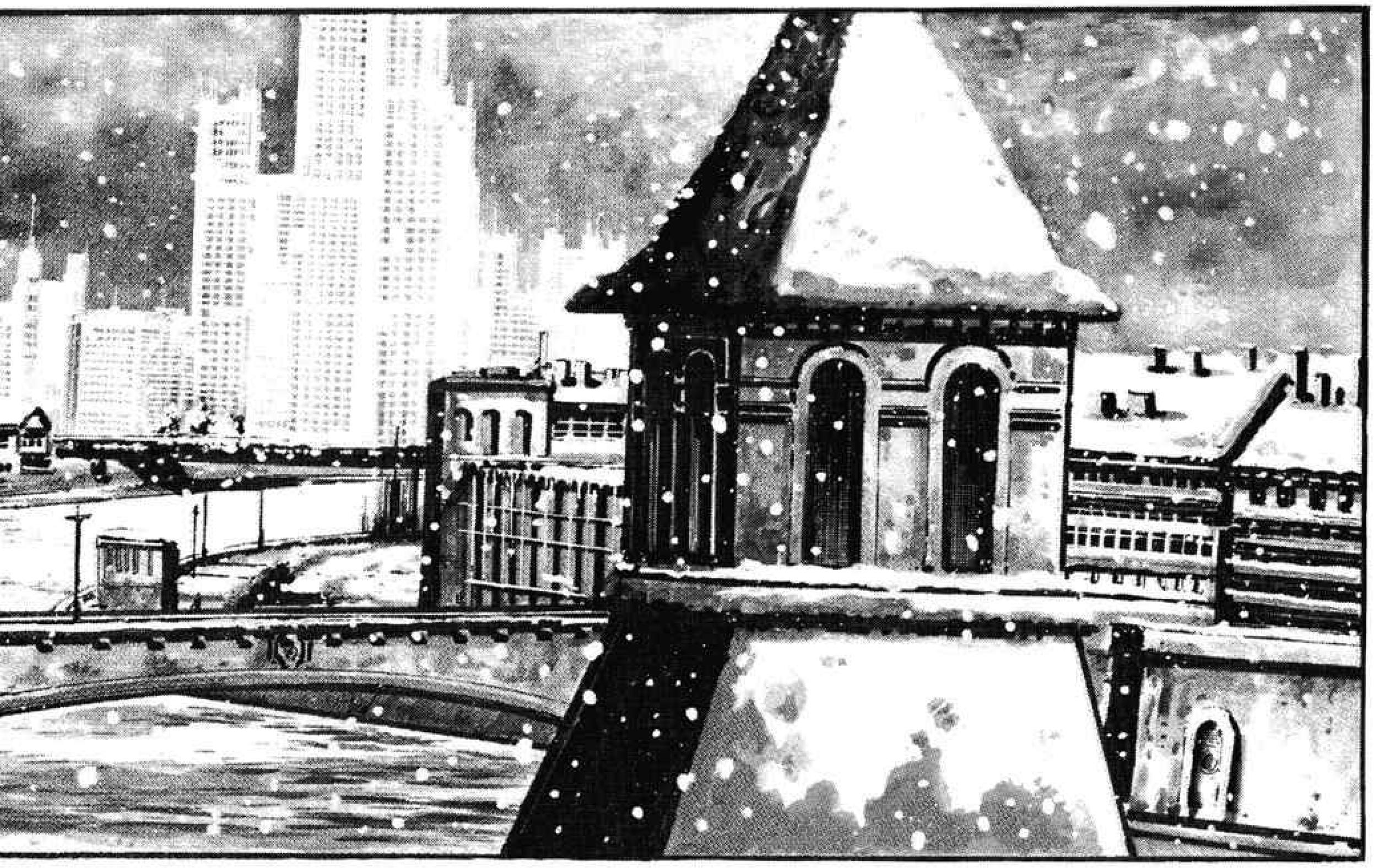
FORTUNATELY, A VISIONARY IS ONE WHO SEES FURTHER THAN HIS FELLOWS...

THERE IS NOTHING SACRED ABOUT IT. READING THE HISTORY OF THE PAPACY, WE WOULD HARDLY BE THE FIRST TO EXCOMMUNICATE A POPE.

AND WE RETURN THEN TO POLITICS; SOME CARDINALS OPPOSE IT FROM PHILOSOPHY...SOME FROM BIGOTRY...SOME JUST FOR MONEY. CHURCH VERSUS STATE, GENTLEMEN--A WORLDLY GAME, AND ONE AS OLD AS THE MIDDLE AGES.

MAY THE CONFERENCE END AS *JEDER FÜR SICH UND GOTT GEGEN ALLE*--EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF, AND GOD AGAINST ALL.

THERE IS A GERMAN SLOGAN WE MAY TAKE HERE AS OUR OWN.



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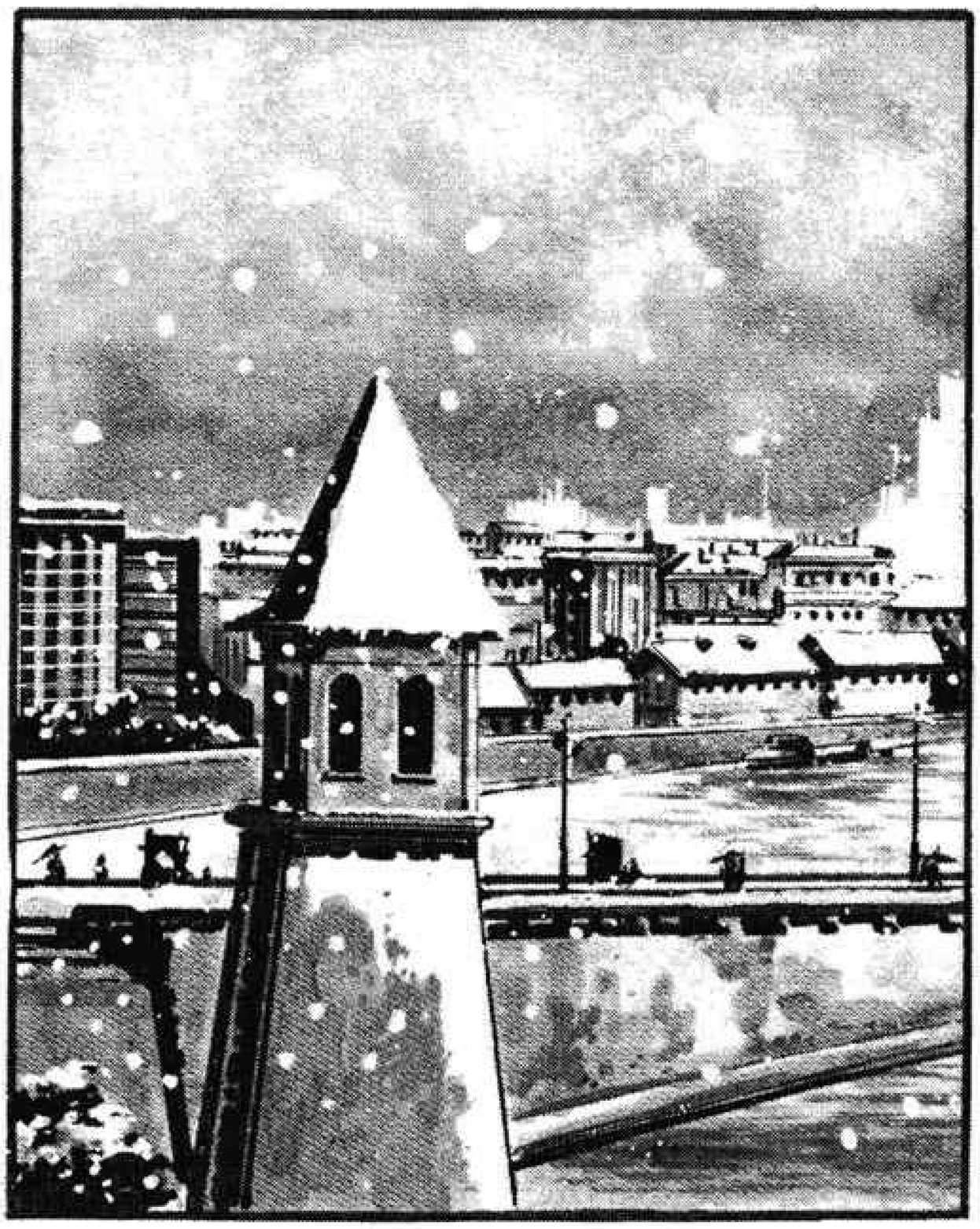

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THEY WERE FOUND SHOT ALONG THE TIBER VIADUCT.

YES, SIR. VECCHIO AND CORTINI WERE THE ASSIGNED CONTACTS TO THE CARDINAL.

A COUNTER-INFILTRATOR, SIR...?

ALL GALLATIN SAW WAS THAT THE GUNMAN WAS DRESSED IN BLACK.

PRESUMABLY THAT FAT FUCKING *SVOLOTCH*-- HIS EMINENCE-- HEARD THE INCIDENT.

NO MORE THAN A MINUTE AFTER THE RENDEZVOUS...

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ER, YES, SIR. OF COURSE, CARDINAL GALLATIN WASN'T INCLINED TO INVESTIGATE. BUT THOSE TWO WERE EX-RED BRIGADE ENFORCERS...AND YET THEY NEVER EVEN GOT THE CHANCE TO DRAW.

YOUR ATTENTION ...?!

...AND ONE GOING IN CAUGHT MY ATTENTION.

WE HAVE A MAN INSIDE THE VATICAN SECURITY FORCE, THE SWISS GUARDS. THEY PHOTOGRAPH EVERYONE GOING IN OR OUT...

LOOK AT HIM, SIR.

...THAT IS, AN ENEMY AGENT HIMSELF DISGUISED AS A PRIEST.

YES, SIR. THE MOST LIKELY THREAT TO THE OPERATION IS SYMMETRICAL...

WHAT?

WELL, MAJOR? WHAT AM I LOOKING AT?

STOP PLAYING GUESS--

DOESN'T HE LOOK LIKE SOMEONE?

PLEASE, SIR...LOOK AGAIN.

HE'S A CARDINAL FROM TURKEY.

IT CAN, SIR. DOES IT NOT MAKE SENSE THAT THEY MIGHT HIRE HIM, CONSIDERING THE STAKES?

IT *CAN'T* BE!

!!

THEY POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED THE MAN IN THE PHOTO AS, CARDINAL MARTÍN ALCOCER. THE VATICAN CONFERENCE IS HIS FIRST STEP OUTSIDE HIS DIOCESE IN FIVE YEARS.

OF COURSE, I CHECKED WITH OUR PEOPLE IN ISTANBUL.

A *CARDINAL?* BUT...

...BUT THE TIMING AS IT IS, WE CANNOT LET IT GO.

IT MAY IN FACT *BE* A COINCIDENTAL RESEMBLANCE...

.....

WHAT IS GOING ON HERE, MAJOR?

SIR, I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON HERE.

YOU, SIR...?

!

...I'LL CONFIRM THIS WITH MY OWN EYES.

NO, WE CAN'T...

...DO YOU NOW THINK I'M TAKING THE MATTER TOO SERIOUSLY... COMRADE MAJOR?

YES, DAMNIT, ME. YOU THOUGHT ENOUGH OF THIS TO PUSH THE PHOTO ON ME...

.....

...AND YOU'LL COME WITH ME.

I'LL SEE FOR MYSELF...

YES, SIR!

PART 7 I HAVE SENT A CUNNING MAN

The Vatican

...I CANNOT HELP BUT EXPRESS MY OWN REGRET.

...WE NEAR THE END OF THIS HISTORIC GATHERING...IF WE CANNOT AGREE TOWARDS GREATER FELLOWSHIP TOWARDS THOSE FAITHS SEPARATED FROM US...

BUT IF IT BE THE WILL OF THE MAJORITY OF THE CARDINALS PRESENT, I CAN ONLY PRAY THAT OUR WILL BE THAT OF GOD.

IT REMAINS ONLY TO DECLARE THIS CONFERENCE CLOSED. I WILL DELIVER THE RESULTS TO THE HOLY FATHER AT GANDOLFO, AS HE SHALL SOON BE WELL ENOUGH TO RECEIVE THEM.

I SHALL SEE YOU AGAIN AT THE MASS CHRISTMAS EVE...GOOD DAY, MY HONORED BRETHREN.

NOT NERVOUS, NOW THAT IT'S OVER?

I NOTICED YOU DIDN'T LIGHT UP A CIGARETTE TODAY, CARDINAL.

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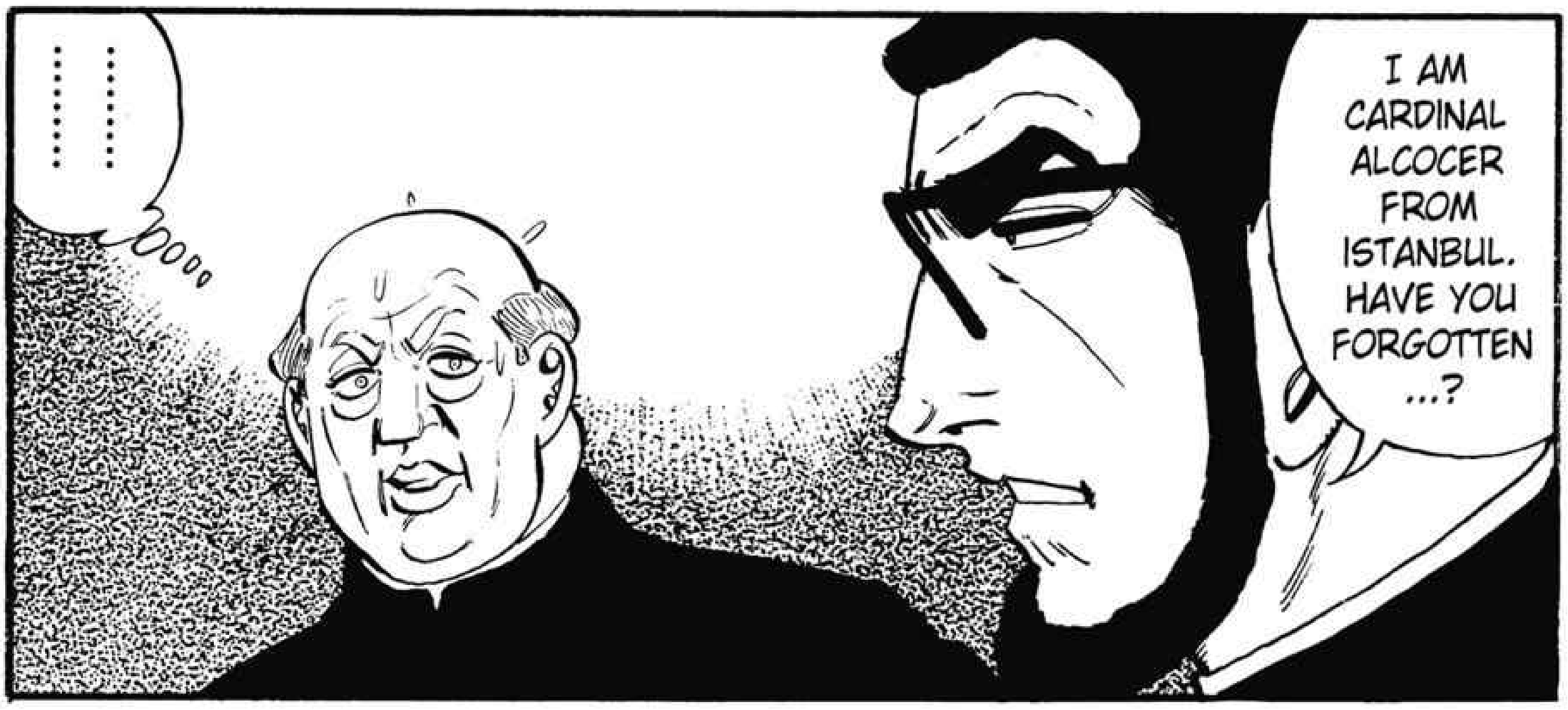
Who... who *are* you...?!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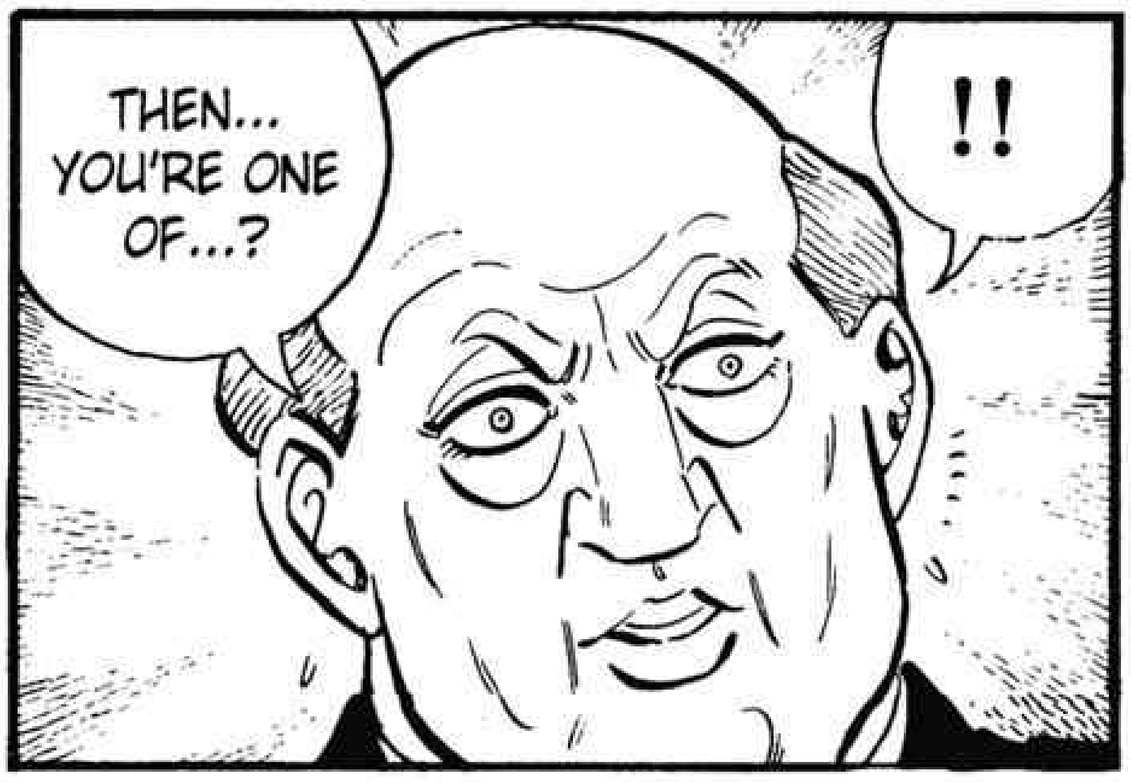
I AM CARDINAL ALCOCER FROM ISTANBUL. HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ...?


THEN... YOU'RE ONE OF...?
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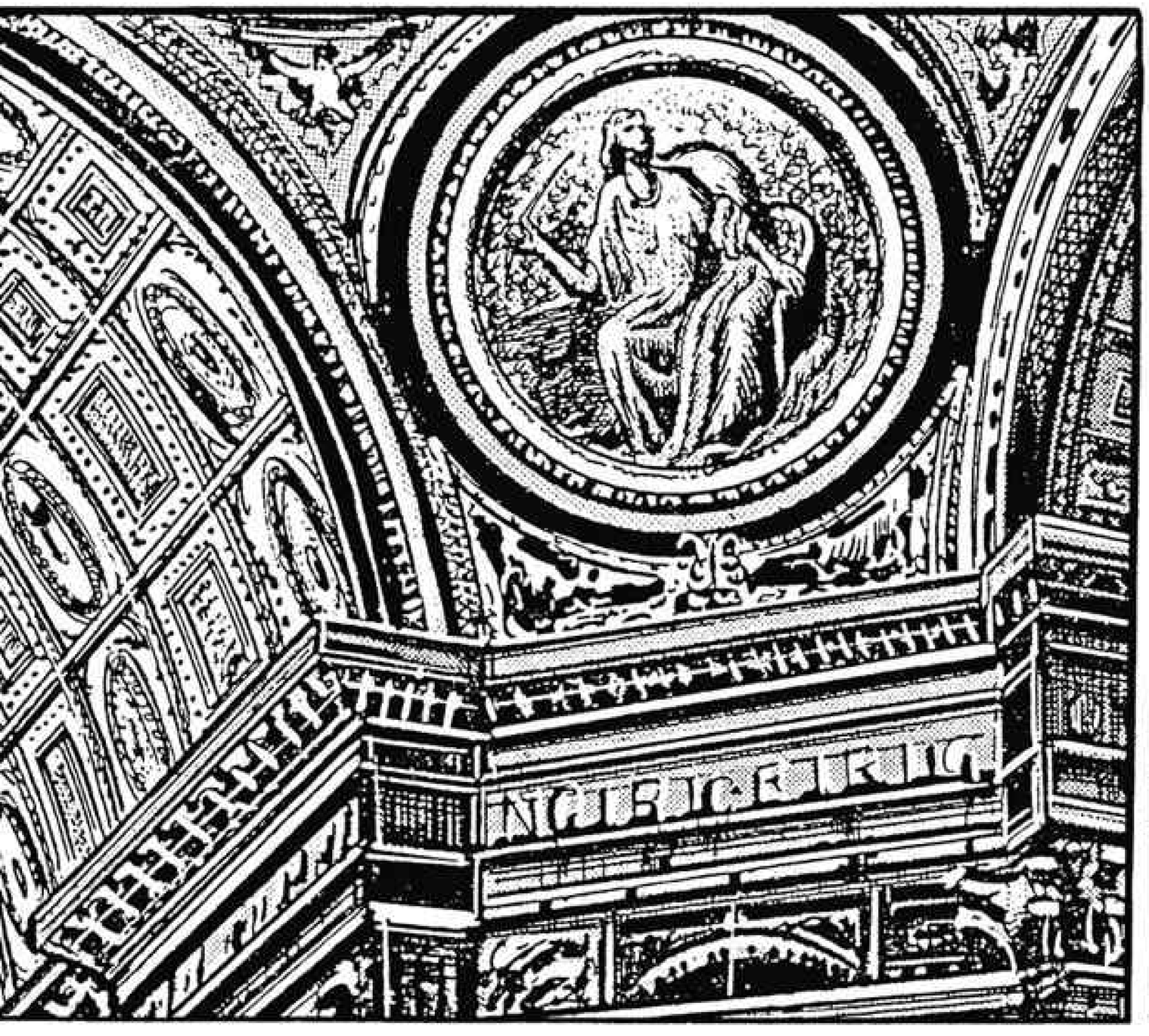
DON'T BE SO WARY, GALLATIN. I'M GETTING MY ORDERS FROM THE SAME PLACE YOU ARE.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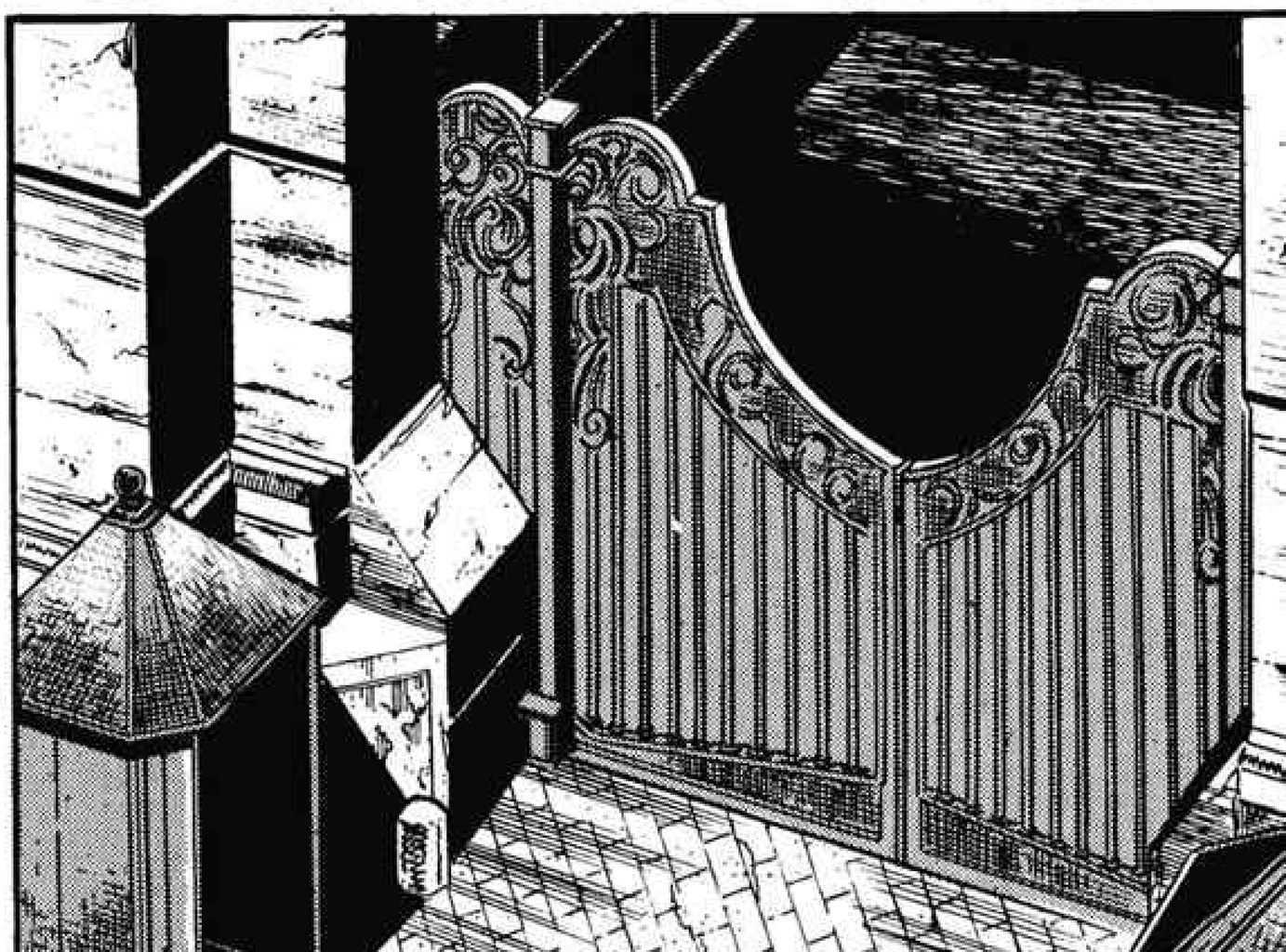
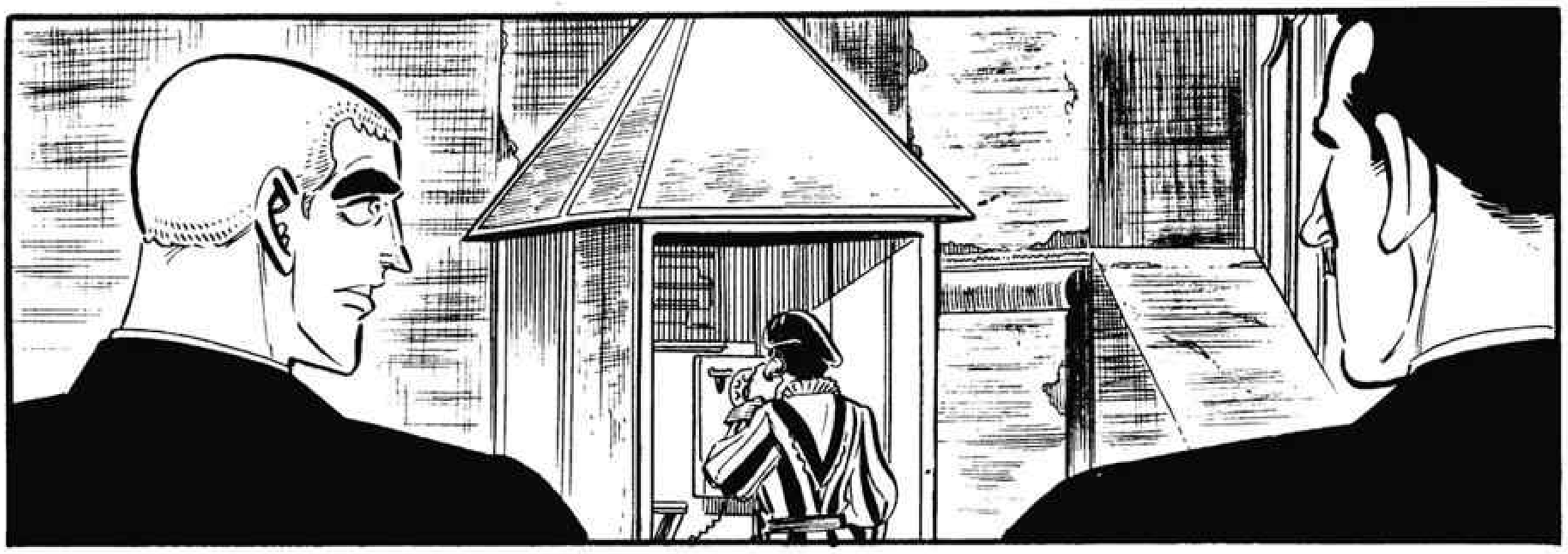
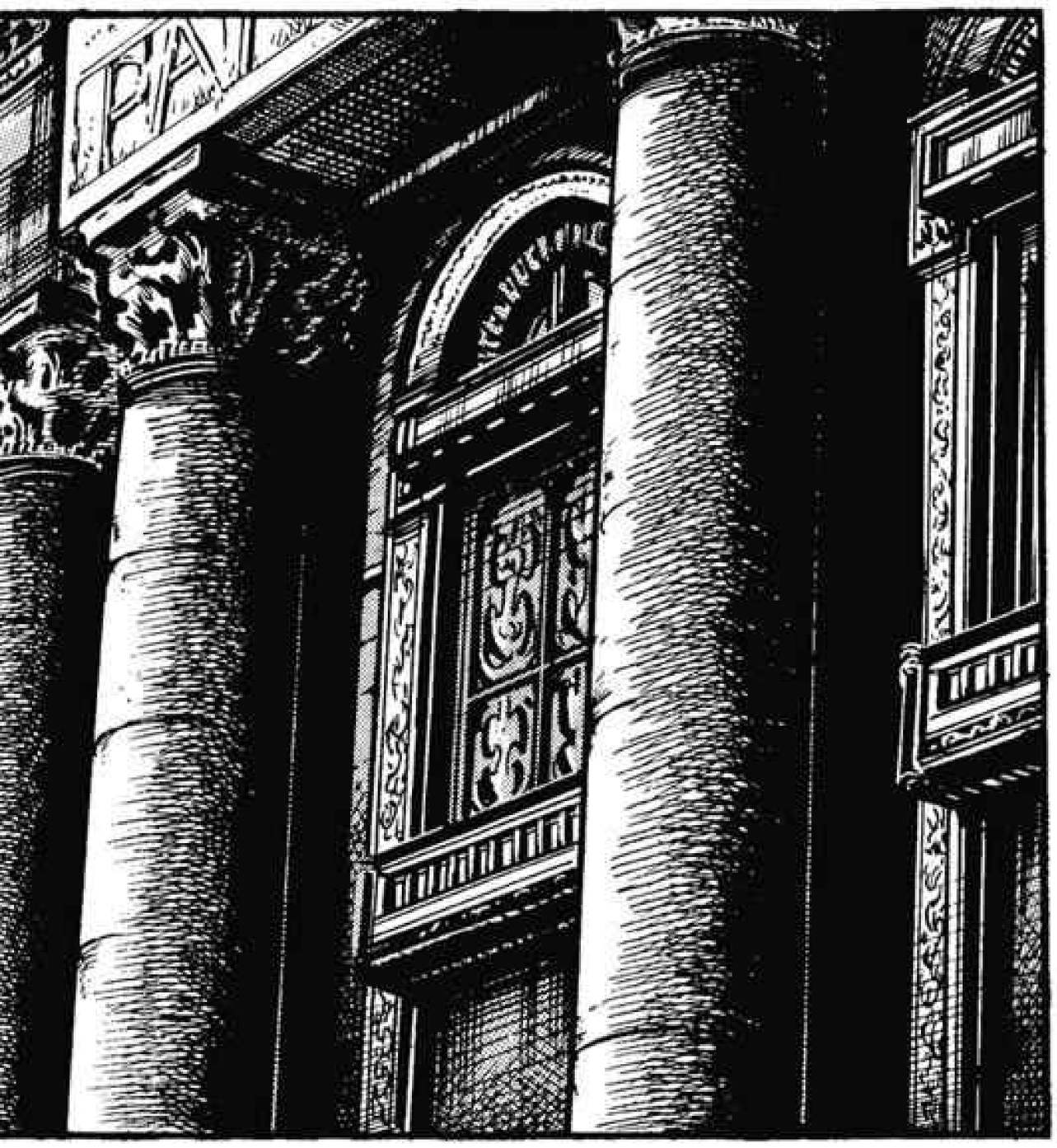
I HAVE AN URGENT MESSAGE FOR YOU.
I'LL...I'LL HEAR IT IN MY ROOM...

PART 8 RISE UP AT THE VOICE OF THE BIRD

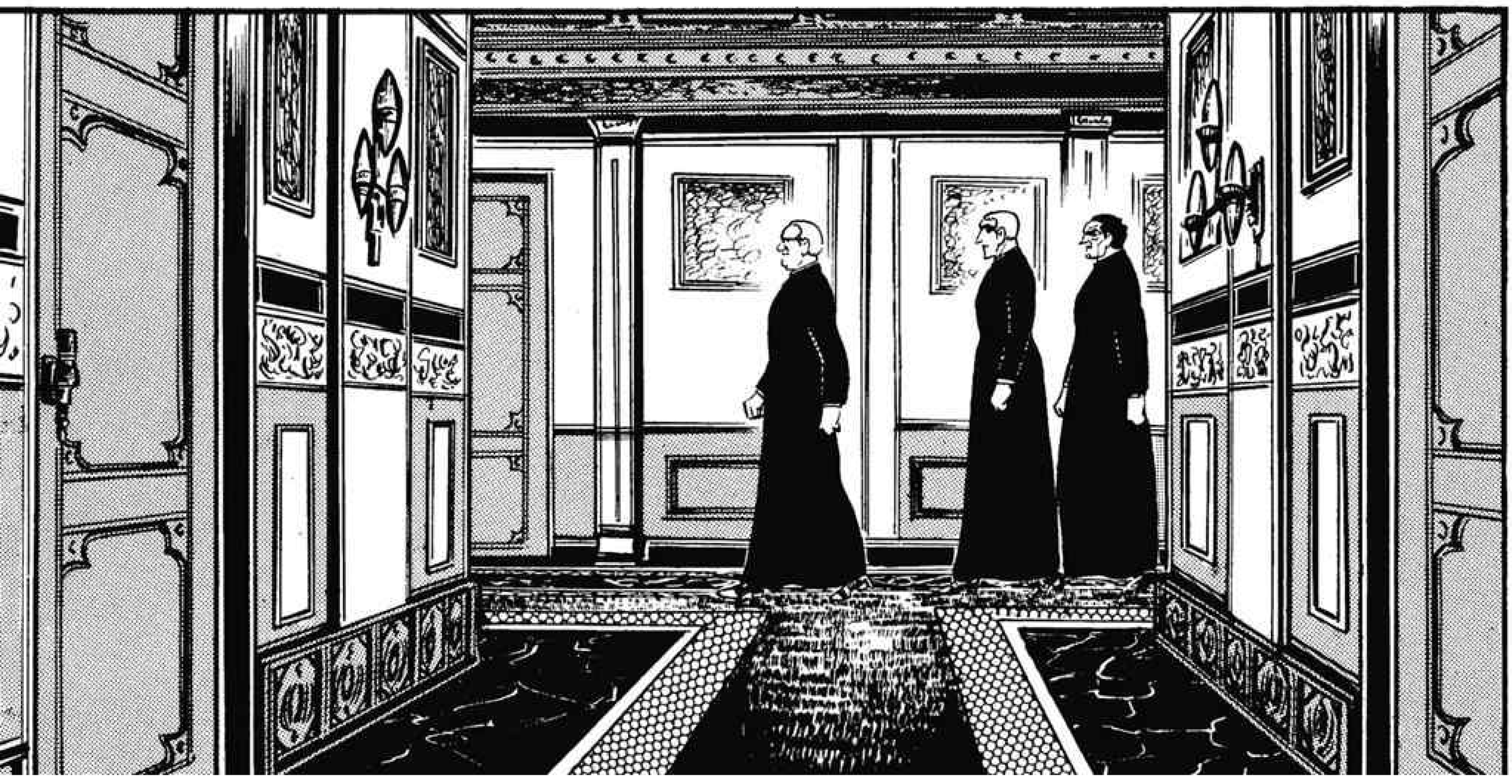
CARDINAL GALLATIN, FATHERS? I REGRET...
FATHER DEVERUX AND I HAVE BEEN URGENTLY WAITING ALL THIS TIME. THERE IS A MATTER BACK IN THE CARDINAL'S DIOCESE THAT DESPERATELY REQUIRES HIS ADVICE.
HE'S BEEN SEQUESTERED BEFORE NOW, UP UNTIL THE END OF THE CONFERENCE ...

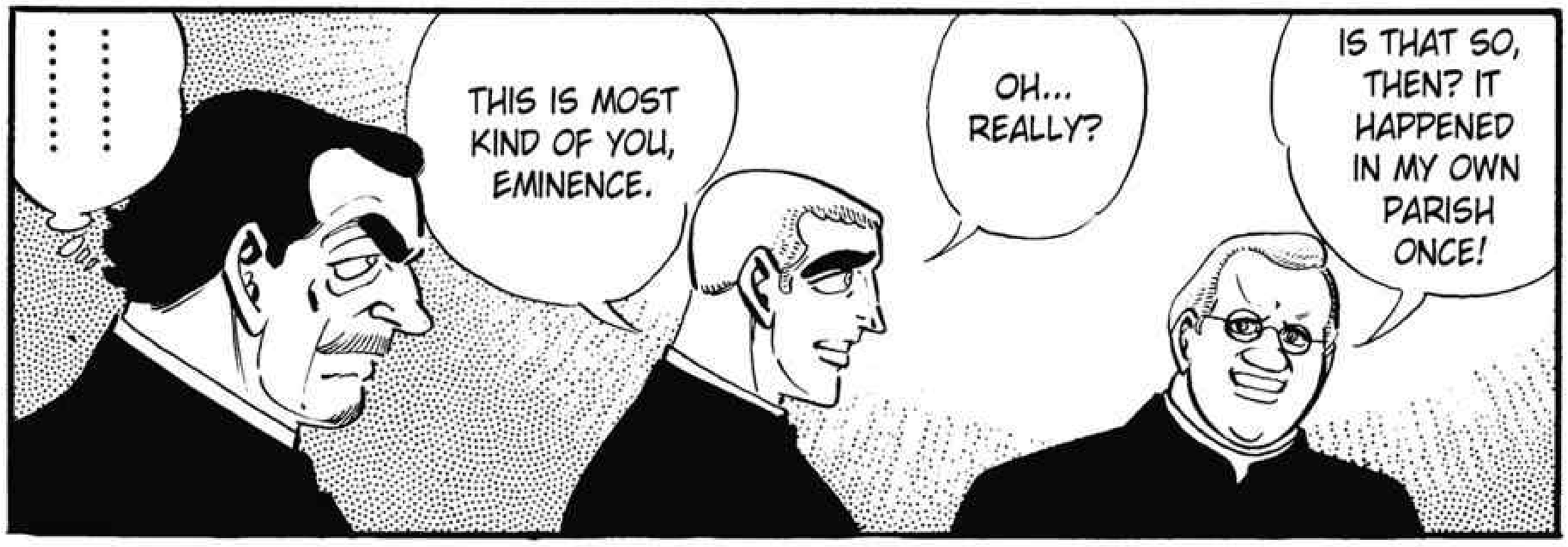






CARDINAL BROUGH HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THOSE ATTENDING. HE WILL BE ESCORT YOU PERSONALLY.
THANK YOU, MY SON.

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THIS IS MOST KIND OF YOU, EMINENCE.
OH... REALLY?
IS THAT SO, THEN? IT HAPPENED IN MY OWN PARISH ONCE!

CARDINAL GALLATIN WILL BE GLAD TO SEE FACES FROM HOME. I'LL LEAVE YOU ALL TO TALK.
THANK YOU, EMINENCE.

CARDINAL GALLATIN...?
TNK
TNK

OPEN IT.

.....

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IT'S ME... BORODIN...

CARDINAL?

!!

!!

WHAM

WHUCK

WHUCK

WHUCK

VVVRRRRRRRRRRRR
RRRRRRRRRRRR

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M-my n-name is Cardinal Matthieu Gallatin...I-I have betrayed the Holy Mother Church...I have suborned the treason of others...

C-CARDINAL ALCOCER!? WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS? WHERE IS MY PILOT?

BUT AFTER YOU LISTEN TO THIS TAPE, YOU WILL KNOW TO FOLLOW MY INSTRUCTIONS. I HAVE A CONFESSION TO PLAY FOR YOU.

I WON'T ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS, PREFECT HAEFLIGER.

!!

I-I cooperated with Soviet intelligence, first to arrange his wounding, then his abduction... the man appearing at Gandolfo is an impostor...

I arranged... bribes for fifteen members of the conference to oppose the Pope...

WH-WHAT IS...IT'S HIS VOICE...?

W-WE NEVER TOLD GALLATIN ABOUT PSALM 13...

Prefect, absolve me...they drugged the Holy Father...they know about Psalm 13...

SSSSPPPPRRRRRRR

NOW, ANSWER ME!

C-CARDINAL ALCOCER... H-HE DIS-APPEARED...

YOU ARE IN CHARGE OF THE ATTENDEES. YOU MUST KNOW!

WHERE HAS CARDINAL ALCOCER GONE?

!!

TNK TNK TNK

CARDINAL! YOUR EMINENCE!

.....

WE'LL KILL *HIM.*

RESPOND NORMALLY... OTHERWISE, WE WON'T KILL YOU.

IT'S JULIANO... HE'S ONE OF THE VATICAN PILOTS.

...I-I PASSED OUT...

BUT YOU'RE ALL RIGHT NOW, ARE YOU NOT?

Y-YES... B-BUT...WHEN I CAME TO, THE HELICOPTER WAS GONE!

AH, JULIANO. WHAT IS IT, MY SON? IT CAN'T BE THAT BAD, IS IT...?

YOUR EMINENCE...SIR... FORGIVE ME...I WAS WAITING IN MY ROOM... AND SOMEHOW...I'VE BEEN A LITTLE TIRED LATELY, BUT...

!!

?!

...YOUR EMINENCE?

DID...ER...DID SOMEONE ELSE TAKE PREFECT HAEFLIGER TO GANDOLFO...

OH... IS THAT IT?

THE BACKUP PILOT, VANNI. IT WAS AN EMERGENCY, YOU SEE.

W-WHY, YES.

!!

CRAK

GET SOME REST, JULIANO.

SORRY? NOTHING TO BE SORRY ABOUT!

I'M SORRY, SIR, BUT... THAT'S A RELIEF!

. . . . . .

YES, SIR!

BETWEEN GALLATIN'S DEATH AND THIS...IT'S HIM, ALL RIGHT.

ALL RIGHT... THERE'S NOTHING MORE TO HEAR NOW.

I'LL CALL GANDOLFO... GET THEM ON ALERT.

...BUT IF IT'S A RESCUE THEY HAVE IN MIND, ...THEY'RE TOO LATE.

I DON'T KNOW...

BUT WHAT IS HIS OBJECTIVE...?

DON'T FORGET TO THANK YOUR GOD, CARDINAL BROUGH...FOR THE KGB'S MERCY.

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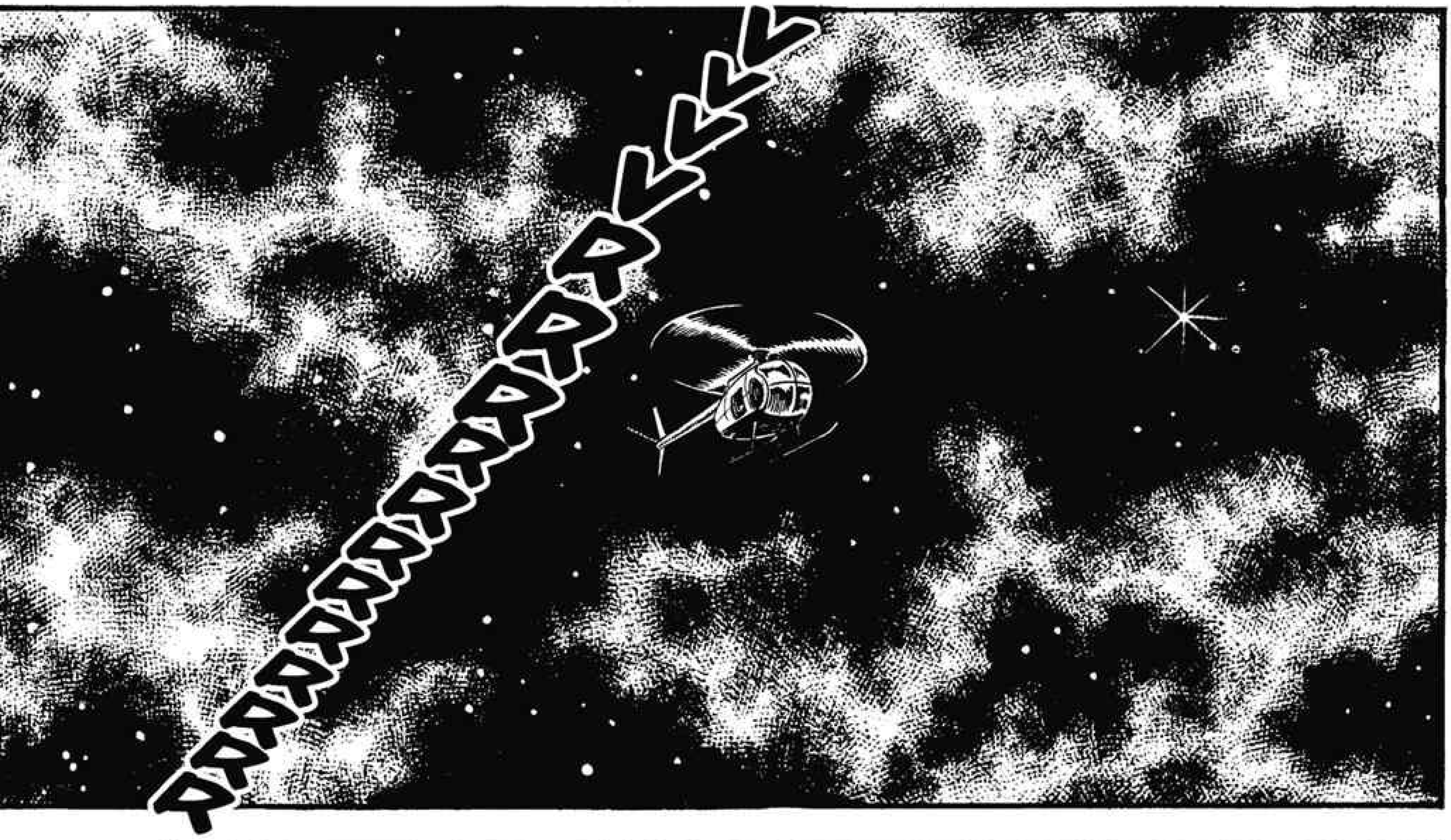
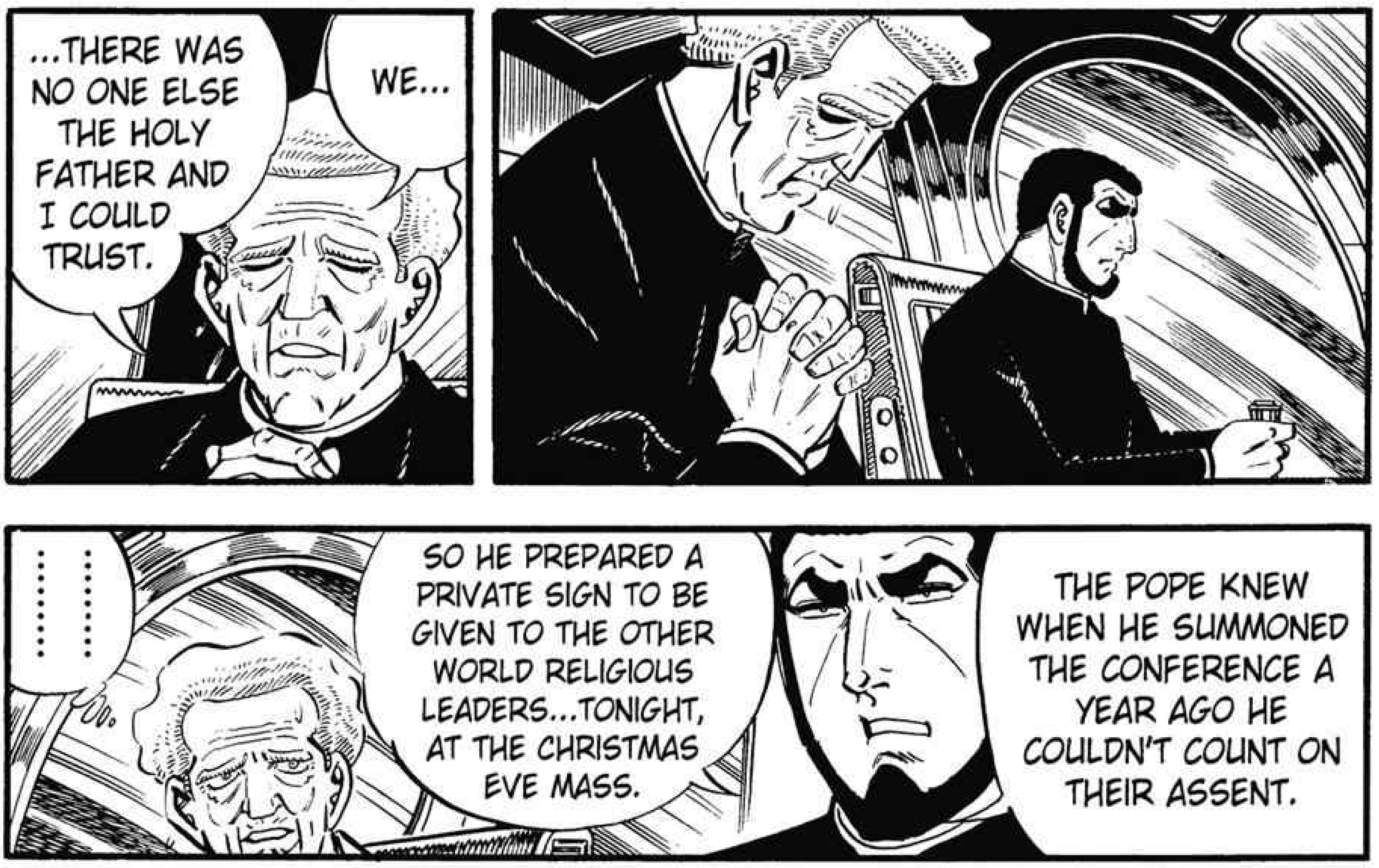
YES, SIR.

INJECT HIM WITH A SEDATIVE. IN A FEW HOURS, IT WON'T MATTER ANY MORE.

PART 9 IRON TOOLS

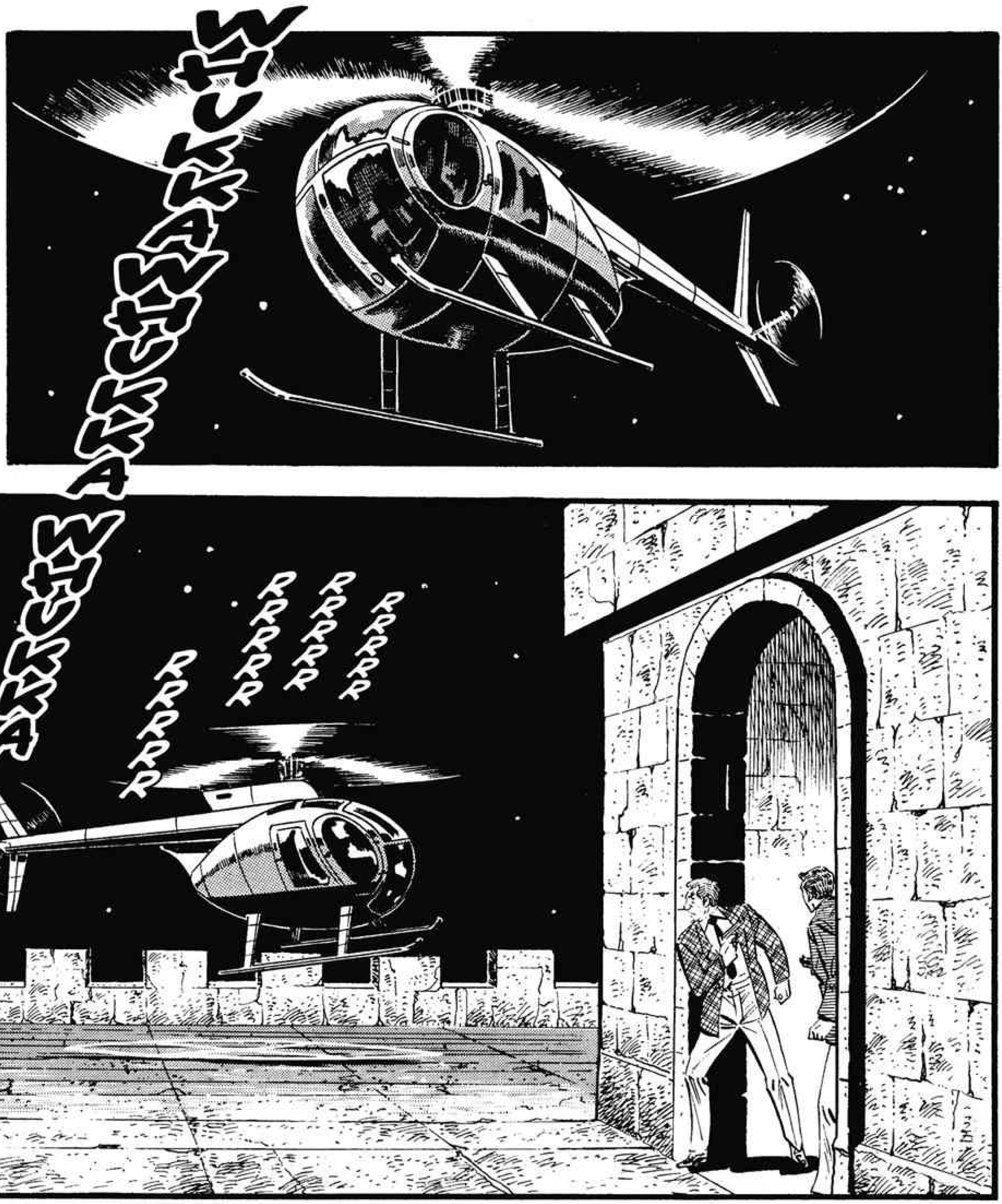



...THERE WAS NO ONE ELSE THE HOLY FATHER AND I COULD TRUST.
WE...
.....
SO HE PREPARED A PRIVATE SIGN TO BE GIVEN TO THE OTHER WORLD RELIGIOUS LEADERS...TONIGHT, AT THE CHRISTMAS EVE MASS.
THE POPE KNEW WHEN HE SUMMONED THE CONFERENCE A YEAR AGO HE COULDN'T COUNT ON THEIR ASSENT.

WWRRRRRRRRRRRRRR

THERE THEY ARE!

TAKE COVER!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RRRRR
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BUT... I CALLED THEM BEFORE I LEFT...

...THERE'S NO RECEPTION PARTY...

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TMP TMP TMP

MOVE AWAY, SIR! PLEASE!

PREFECT! WHATEVER HE TOLD YOU, THIS MAN IS AN ASSASSIN! HE'S HERE TO HARM THE HOLY FATHER!

THIS IS A...

WAIT! PUT THEM DOWN!

WHSHH

AH--

HMP!

BLAM BLAM BLAM

Y-YOU... YOU KILLED...

BLAM MMMM BLAM MMMM

WHSHH

TMP TMP TMP

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PA-TOW

THMP

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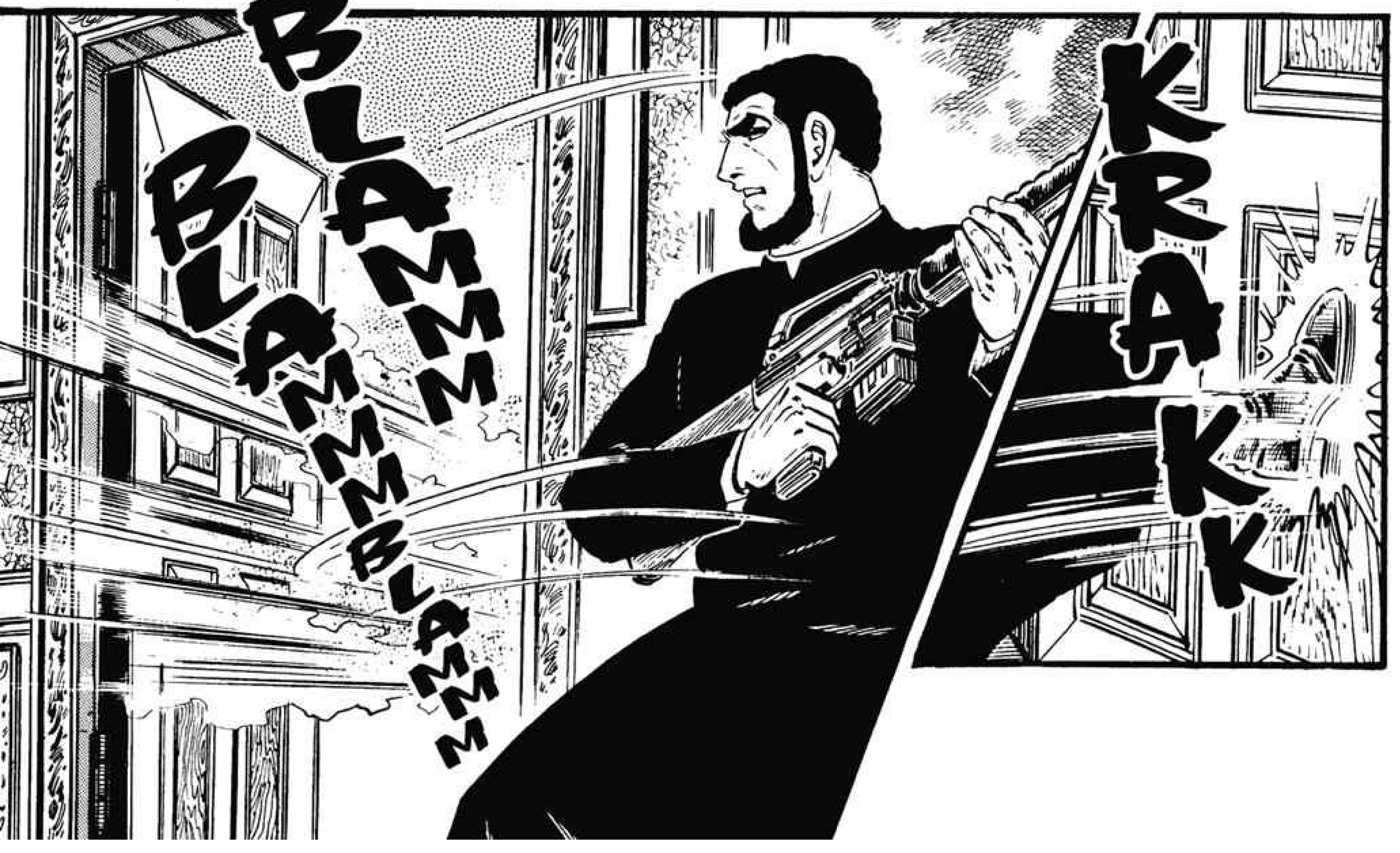
BLAM
MMM
MMM
BLAM
MMM
KRAK
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DROP YOUR GUN! DROP IT OR HE'S DEAD!

I KNOW YOU NEED HIM IN GOOD HEALTH... RIGHT?!

YOU KNOW WHO I WORK FOR, G13! HIS LIFE MEANS NOTHING TO ME!

THINK I WON'T?

.....

DON'T!

D- DON'T...

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I-IN THE NAME OF GOD! HE'LL SPARE THE HOLY FATHER IF YOU...

BAM MMMM

.....

WHAT...ARE YOU GOING TO KILL THE POPE?!

L-
LORD!

chak

...PAN Z
TOBA...

ZDROWAS
MARYJO, LASKI
PELNA...

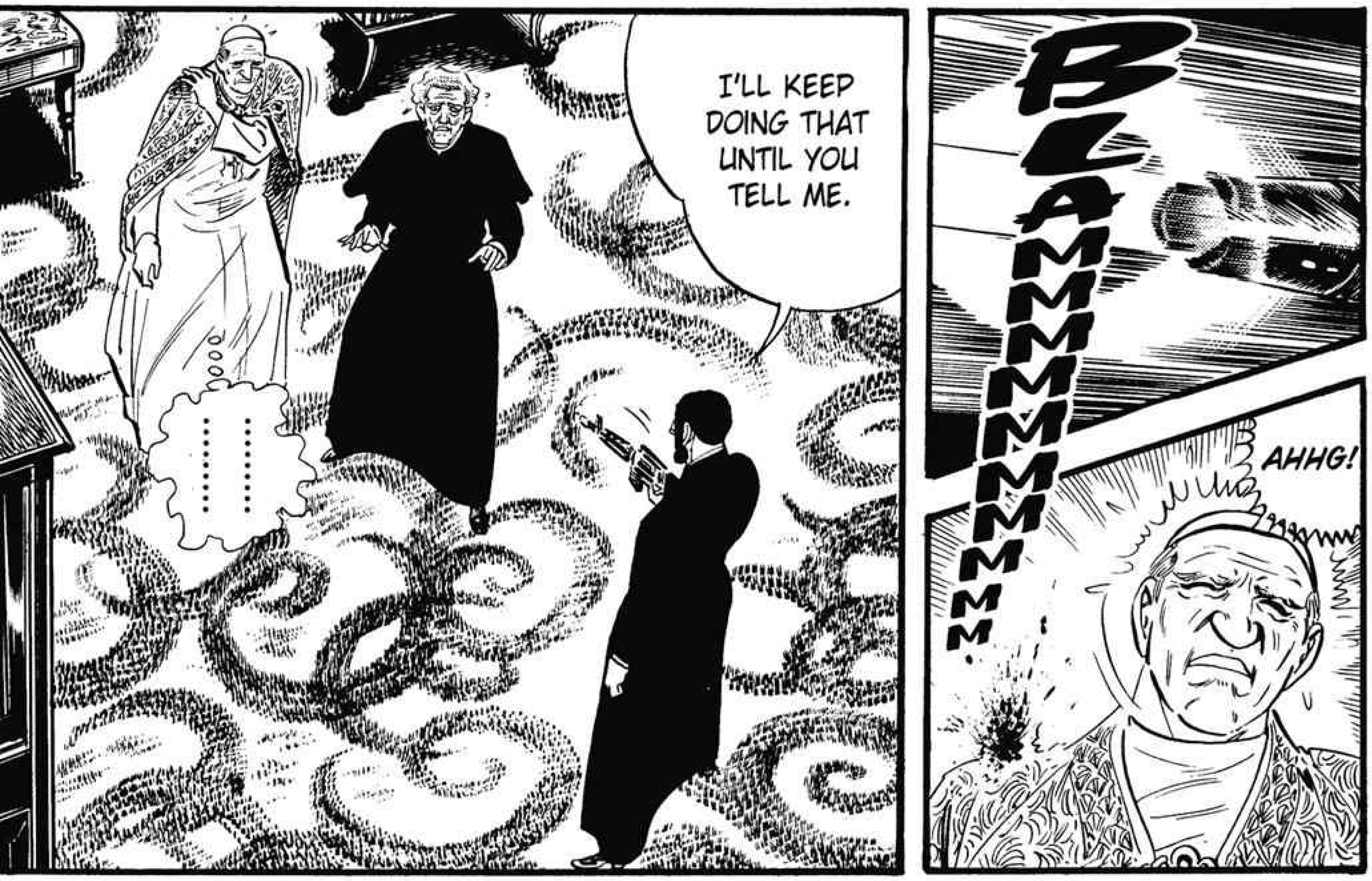
ARE YOU
MAD? WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?!

.....

THIS MAN
IS THE
POPE!

THAT'S
POLISH...HE'S
PRAYING TO
THE HOLY
MOTHER!

.....
.....
...DRESSED IN HIS FULL VESTMENTS ?
THEIR GAMBIT IS A LITTLE TOO THEATRICAL. HOW LIKELY DOES IT SEEM TO YOU THAT THEY WOULD BE KEEPING THE REAL POPE PRISONER...


I'LL KEEP DOING THAT UNTIL YOU TELL ME.
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BLAMMMMMMM
AHHG!

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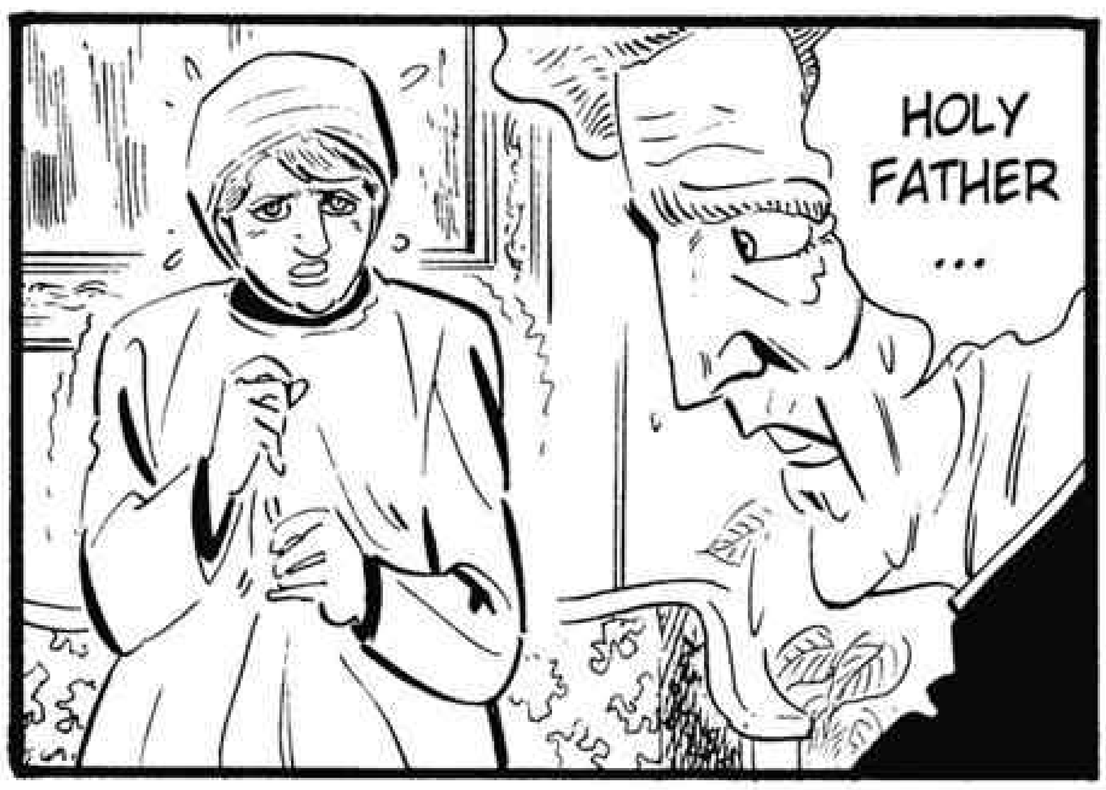
oOUO
.....

PART 10 THE HAILING SIGN



DO YOU SWEAR? THE POPE IS ONLY DRUGGED ...!?

THEY'VE BEEN KEEPING HIM THIS WAY...

YES...

WHAT ?!

FORTUNATELY... WE HAVE ANOTHER POPE.

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BUT... HE'LL NEED TO RECOVER... HE'S IN NO CONDITION TO ATTEND MASS TONIGHT...

IT'S NO USE.

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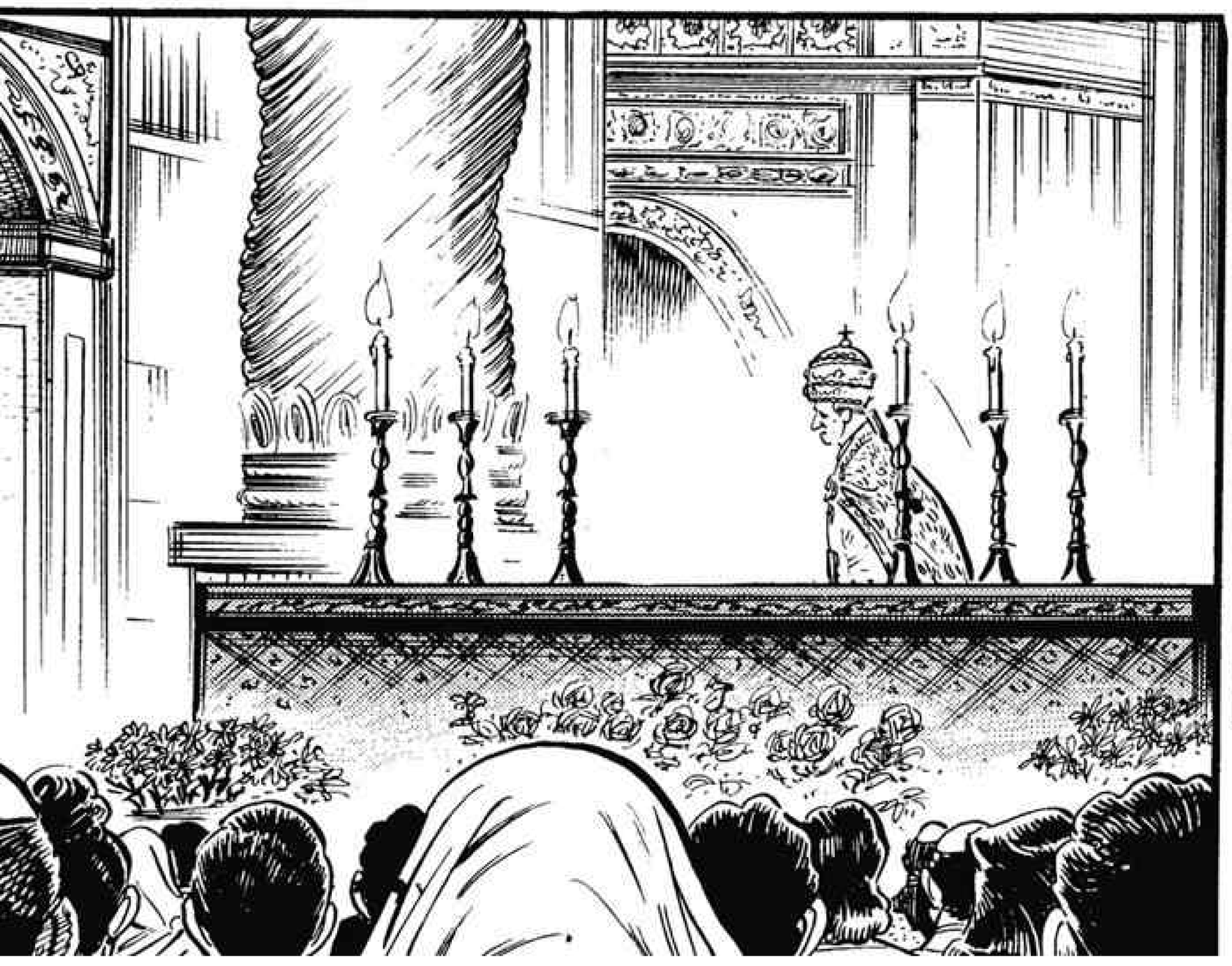
PART 11 THE FOOL HATH SAID IN HIS HEART



IT'S TRULY ASTOUNDING... HE COULD BE HIS TWIN BROTHER. YOU'RE CERTAIN HE'S NOT THE REAL ONE?

...WE WILL BEGIN OUR CHRISTMAS MASS WITH A HYMN OF DAVID.

WISHING FOR THE BLESSINGS OF GOD UPON THE WORLD...

WE RECRUITED HIM FROM A SEMINARY IN POLAND YEARS AGO. I OVERSAW HIS PLASTIC SURGERY MYSELF...

YES, SIR.

!!

B-BUT... HE'S THE *IMPOSTOR* ...?!

!!

The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God. They are corrupt... they have done abominable works...

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IT'S...IT'S PSALM 13...
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FILE 13

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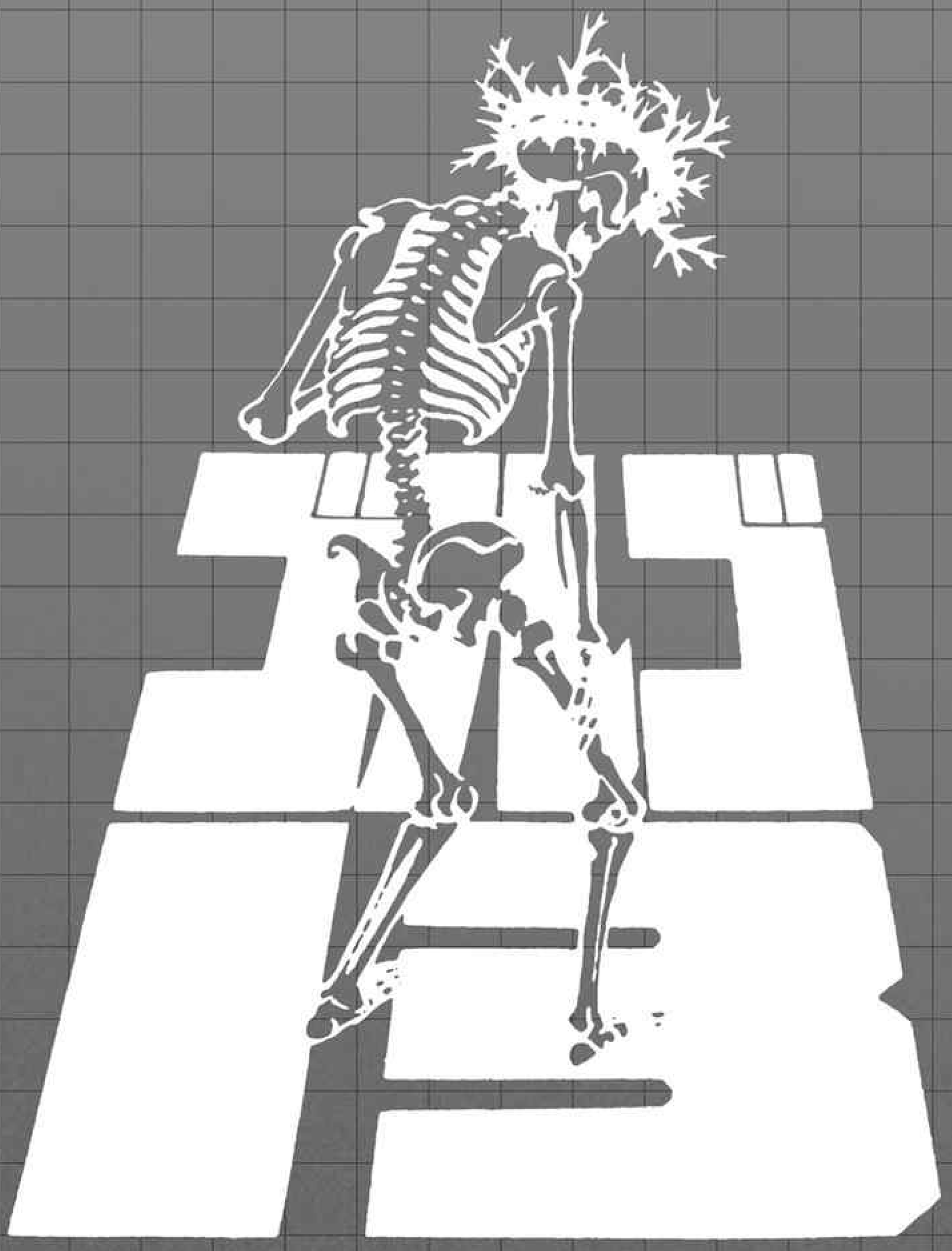


Summary: History and profile of **GOLGO 13** (a.k.a. "Duke Togo," other aliases) since 1968; sources include former KGB, CIA, SIS, Mossad, and other world intelligence agencies.

• Theory Seven is an extension of the unpublished "Auto-symptomatology of affective misogynistic observations in phimosis-induced insanity," by the author of this paper, Dr. (name redacted). The doctor states, "Perhaps Golgo feels calmer when accompanied by a whore. There is nothing more annoying than a snotty woman, whereas the whores Golgo sleeps with are women who understand their place, perhaps due to the fact that they know that they are nothing but whores. Though they may not be the most intelligent creatures, these whores are warm and gentle, and understand the filthy nature of human beings, men especially."

• Supporters of Theory Seven cite the remission of Golgo's (putative—the pun is unintentional) Guillain-Barré Syndrome after sexual assaults on professional women (see under "Chronic Disease" in Vol. 02's "File 13"). It is noted that an attempt was once made to blame a string of serial rapes in Los Angeles on Golgo, perhaps suggesting a perception of his behavior (Story #109, "Howard Hughes' Son," 1976). Counter-arguments point out the assault in each case was a response to a threat to his life, and that Golgo has worked successfully on many occasions with female security operatives and intelligence agents. The moral dimensions of his sexual actions are perhaps somewhat irrelevant, even grotesquely inappropriate, considering that G13 is, regardless of his true views on women, indisputably the cold-blooded murderer of several hundred human beings, men and women alike. The behavioral aspects are of more practical concern.

• It is believed that it is Golgo's *personal* view that his solicitation of prostitutes is practical, allowing him to rely upon having sex before a job rather than to trust the outcome of an affair or assignation (it is argued that if G13 were truly inclined towards sexual assault, he would simply use force rather than hire a sex worker). Security is another concern; a prostitute is less likely to know who he is, whereas female professionals and clients know *per definitionem*.

Note that there appears to be a correlation between panty size and the likelihood that a woman will end up having sex with Golgo. It has been observed, for example, that FBI special agent Sally Garland had big, unflattering panties.
(Story #88, "Hydra," 1974).

G13's habitual sex prior to a job—why, and why with prostitutes?

• 1976's Story #110, "Playback," allowed a glimpse into the file held on Golgo by the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), and its observation that "as a rule almost all of his sexual encounters are with prostitutes." It is now thought this assertion might have been more accurate in the early 1970s, his peak period of sexual activity; if the data is extended to 2000, the percentage drops to 29.7 overall (see attached charts in "Partner Demographics," below). Nevertheless, the question of his habitual pre-mission sex, and why he frequently resorts to prostitutes—as his appeal to women is well documented—has attracted the interest, and, it is fair to say, the obsession of researchers (the objection is sometimes raised that the absolute number of Golgo's recorded sex acts versus his recorded assassinations does not in fact prove such sex is habitual).

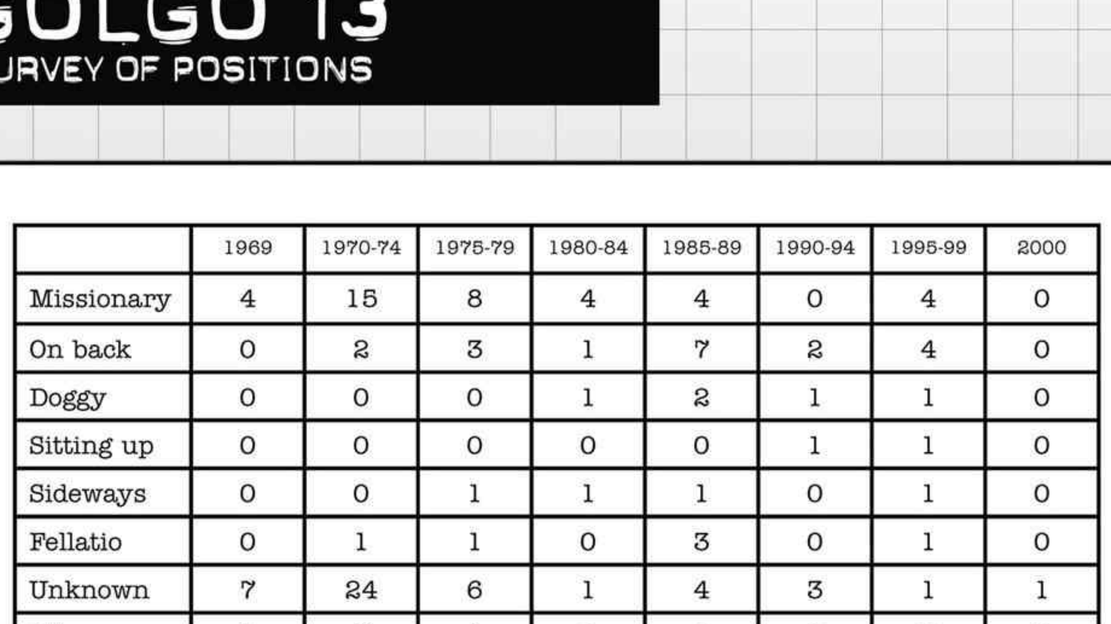
• This column attempts to expand upon Vol. 02's "File 13" section "Sex: An Overview," and speculate—from the admittedly limited information available—upon the inner process behind Golgo 13's distinctive sexual practices.

• Takao Saito has himself suggested that Golgo's pre-mission sex "may be in order to prepare the mind and body, calming himself with ejaculation." This explanation, even from such a reliable source, must be regarded as not entirely adequate. It is countered, for example, that were that strictly the case Golgo could simply masturbate. Moreover, any partner poses a certain amount of risk in comparison to self-manipulation, even for an individual as alert as G13.

• Alternative theories may be summarized as follows: 1.) anti-anxiety—that is, sex with a woman as a distraction from approaching danger, a phenomenon well documented in soldiers; 2.) posterity—a biological impulse to leave behind his genes when expecting a threat to his life; 3.) intelligence—to gather information useful to a job in an atmosphere of intimacy; 4.) practice—as with other skills such as mountaineering, piloting, etc., a job may arise requiring skill in sexual satisfaction; 5.) safety—contrary to the assertion in the above paragraph, it is argued that masturbation would occupy one gun hand; and 6.) desire—he may simply wish to have sex with as many women as possible.

• The theories are not contradictory. For example, considering a situation such as outlined in theory 4, where G13 must bring a woman to climax as a job requirement, theory 6 may come into play (provided there is an ego gratification element in Golgo's established abilities in this area—something that is by no means certain). As a potential female partner (G13 is thought to be exclusively heterosexual; but see under "Prison Record" in Vol. 02's File 13) may not always find it convenient to have sex with Golgo, theory 6 leads to the controversial "Theory Seven," where Golgo prefers the company of a professional—a prostitute.

	1969	1970-74	1975-79	1980-84	1985-89	1990-94	1995-99	2000
Missionary	4	15	8	4	4	0	4	0
On back	0	2	3	1	7	2	4	0
Doggy	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	0
Sitting up	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Sideways	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0
Fellatio	0	1	1	0	3	0	1	0
Unknown	7	24	6	1	4	3	1	1
Other	1	6	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total Sex Acts	**12**	**48**	**20**	**8**	**21**	**7**	**13**	**1**
(Women Met)	**12**	**46**	**18**	**6**	**11**	**6**	**9**	**1**
(Had sex with)	**11**	**40**	**18**	**6**	**14**	**6**	**9**	**1**



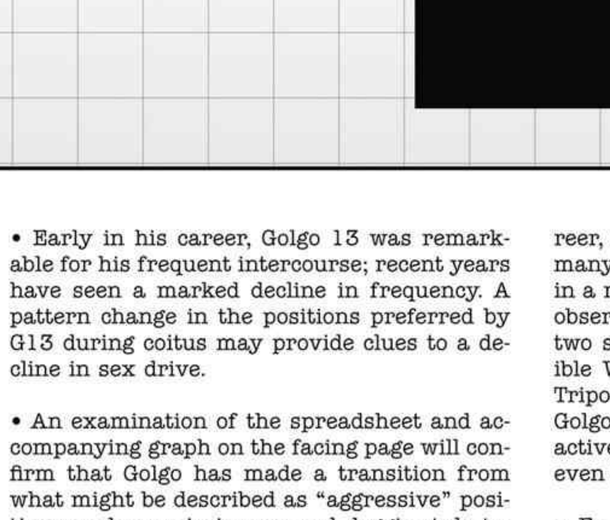
In the aftermath of his first recorded sex act, (Story #1, "Operation: Big Safe," 1969), Golgo can be observed to be wearing a necklace, a perhaps unusual risk for him.

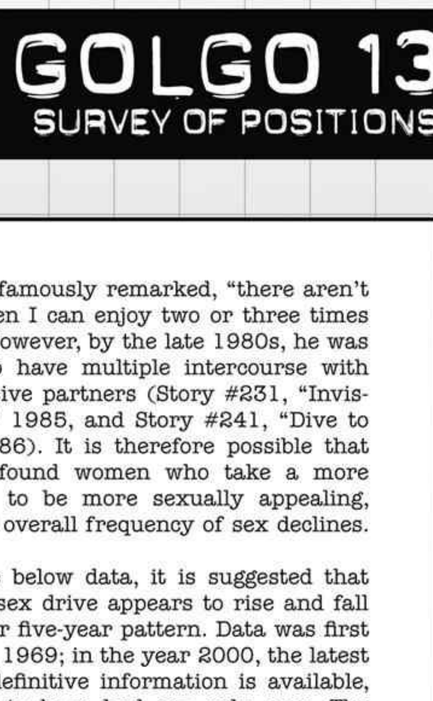
• Early in his career, Golgo 13 was remarkable for his frequent intercourse; recent years have seen a marked decline in frequency. A pattern change in the positions preferred by G13 during coitus may provide clues to a decline in sex drive.

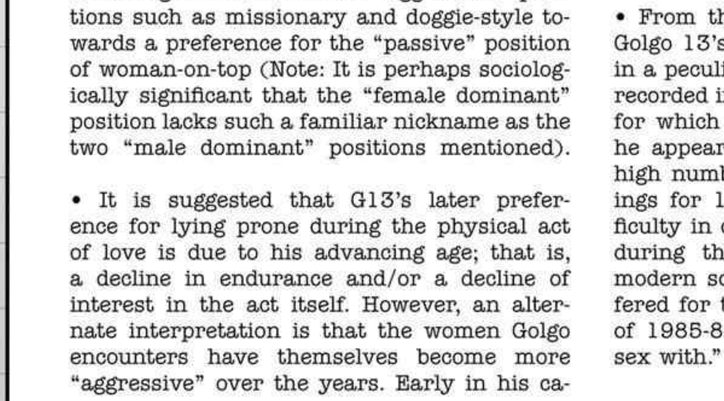
• An examination of the spreadsheet and accompanying graph on the facing page will confirm that Golgo has made a transition from what might be described as "aggressive" positions such as missionary and doggie-style towards a preference for the "passive" position of woman-on-top (Note: It is perhaps sociologically significant that the "female dominant" position lacks such a familiar nickname as the two "male dominant" positions mentioned).

• It is suggested that G13's later preference for lying prone during the physical act of love is due to his advancing age; that is, a decline in endurance and/or a decline of interest in the act itself. However, an alternate interpretation is that the women Golgo encounters have themselves become more "aggressive" over the years. Early in his career, Golgo famously remarked, "there aren't many women I can enjoy two or three times in a row." However, by the late 1980s, he was observed to have multiple intercourse with two successive partners (Story #231, "Invisible Wings," 1985, and Story #241, "Dive to Tripoli," 1986). It is therefore possible that Golgo has found women who take a more active role to be more sexually appealing, even as his overall frequency of sex declines.

• From the below data, it is suggested that Golgo 13's sex drive appears to rise and fall in a peculiar five-year pattern. Data was first recorded in 1969; in the year 2000, the latest for which definitive information is available, he appears to have had sex only once. The high number of "unknown" and "other" listings for 1970-74 is possibly due to the difficulty in categorizing the positions employed during this highly experimental phase in modern society. No explanation has been offered for the so-called "Reagan Discrepancy" of 1985-89 between "women met" and "had sex with."


THE 3RD MAN WAS A JET PILOT. HE WASN'T BAD AT PILOTING WOMEN, EITHER, AND I WAS TAKEN ABOVE THE CLOUDS..
BUT HIS WOMANIZING HABITS WERE A BIT OUT OF CONTROL...
...AND HE WAS MURDERED BECAUSE OF IT...



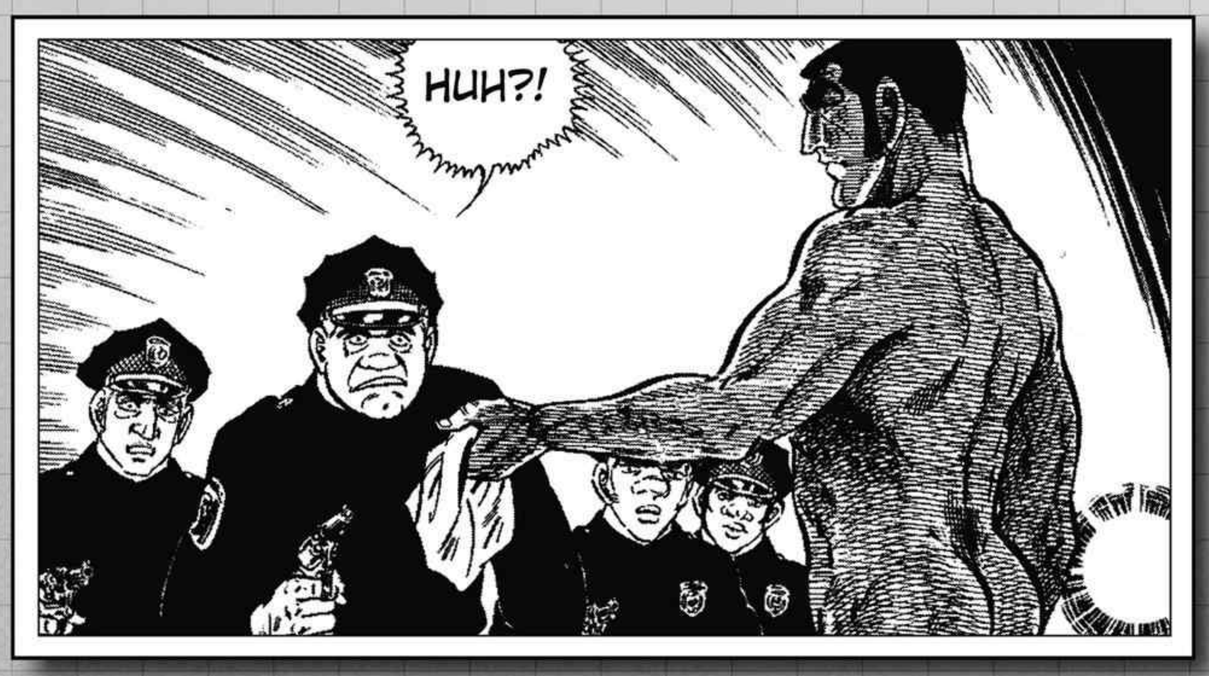


GOLGO 13
SECRETS OF THE TECHNIQUE

• It is believed that Golgo 13 always satisfies a woman, excluding instances where police, security forces, etc., intrude upon the act. When one regards the wide cultural range and divergent personal histories of his partners, this perfect record—analogous, perhaps even superior to that for his assassinations—becomes all the more remarkable. What are the secrets of his technique?

• While it has not been possible to observe Golgo's penis directly, there is evidence to suggest it is unexceptional in size. On four known occasions when he exhibited full frontal nudity, the facing individual, while possibly surprised at his bold attitude, made no particular remarks about his male organ. One analyst infers from a lack of "belittling" remarks that it must be neither large nor small, but of average size; however this seems to discount the fear witnesses may have of insulting Golgo.

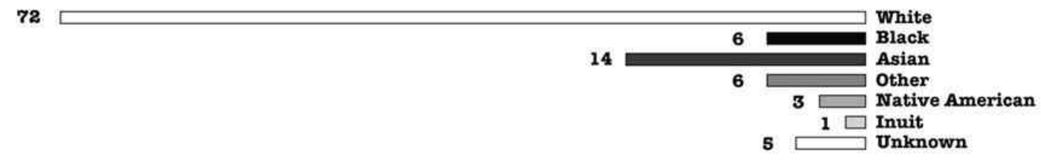
• The suggestion is made that Golgo 13's length and girth is average for that of a white European; that is, skewing towards the high end of the scale for a Japanese (for the uncertainty regarding G13's ethnic background, please see also Vol. 01's "File 13"). A possibly significant datum is found in an incident (Story #83, "The Dark-Skinned Sniper," 1974). one of the four mentioned above, where Golgo appeared naked—on this occasion before a group of white policemen in Mississippi. G13 had taken the drug methoxsalen as a disguise to darken his skin and was believed by the policemen to in fact be black. Although they appeared to be staring intently at it, no remarks were made on this occasion as to his penis, save for a cry of "Huh?!"



GOLGO 13
PARTNER DEMOGRAPHICS

During the period 1969 to 2000 (inclusive), 107 women are known to have slept with Golgo 13. The demographics of his sex partners are detailed below, by occupation and nationality (or ethnicity, if citizenship unknown). Note the slight inconsistency with the data collected on the previous page, which would suggest a total of 105 partners.

	Prostitute	Ordinary Civilian	Assassin	CIA	KGB	Other	Combatant/ Soldier	Terrorist/ Government	Celebrity	Underworld	**Total**
White American	8	9	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	**21**
Russian	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	**7**
French	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	**6**
English	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	**4**
German	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**4**
Italian	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	**3**
Spanish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	**1**
Greek	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	**2**
Bolivian	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	**1**
Romanian	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	**1**
Jewish	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	**1**
Other White	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	**3**
Unknown White	7	2	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3	**18**
African	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	**4**
African American	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	**2**
Unknown Black	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Japanese	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Chinese	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	**5**
Korean	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Filipino	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
Thai	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
Vietnamese	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
Mongolian	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
Indian	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
Unknown Asian	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	**4**
Arab	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	**1**
Israeli	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	**2**
Brazilian	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
Native American	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**3**
Inuit	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
Mixed	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	**2**
Unknown	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	**5**
Total	**36**	**27**	**2**	**6**	**5**	**3**	**12**	**7**	**5**	**4**	**107**



GOLGO 13
SECRETS OF THE TECHNIQUE

• It should not be inferred from the above that Golgo's penis is completely normal from a non-Asian perspective. Separate from physical dimensions is the issue of rigidity; in this regard, the Asian member is sometimes known as the "metallic cock," in supposed contrast to the less firm nature of the European erection.

• This brings the study near its conclusion, and to an important point: regardless of whether Golgo's glans is long and stiff, he demonstrates a principle again analogous to his contract killings, which are carried out not with an elite sniper's rifle, but with the common tool of the M16. His impressive success rate is rather due to its use employed with knowledge of the target and the terrain; likewise his success with women.

• A notable example is found in 1985's Story #231, "Invisible Wings," where Golgo pleasured a KGB agent named Zoya Kurikov. Although Kurikov had attempted to conceal her identity with the use of parfumeur Ernest Beaux's classic 1929 blend of jasmine, ylang ylang, Turkish rose, violet, peach, cedar, vanilla, musk, and bergamot, Golgo was not deceived, remarking, "*Soir de Paris* may mask your scent, but your sphincter is Russian. Tell me, are you KGB?" G13, who atypically grinned as he took the Soviet spy from behind, would appear able to determine national identity by the clench of pelvic muscles alone.

• It is not inappropriate to conclude by observing that Golgo himself is very slow to climax. Indeed, there are only two instances known where G13 has been positively observed to ejaculate: in 1971, when a rather young black woman named Nan performed fellatio on him during a malarial fugue in Hispaniola (Story #44, "Voodoo"), and in 1974, with an Israeli woman named Yona Sharrit—also by fellatio in a hotel in Haifa (Story #90, "Face of the Infiltrator"), a sudden act which made Golgo seem uncharacteristically tense (it is noted they had sexual intercourse earlier, apparently without him reaching orgasm).

• There are 26 other known encounters were the circumstances suggest that Golgo achieved climax; leaving 79 where apparently only the woman did. Is this a matter of endurance, or sexual dysfunction?